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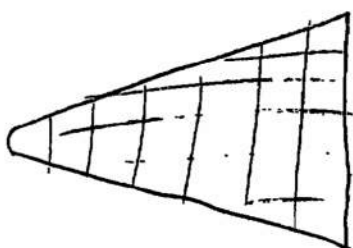
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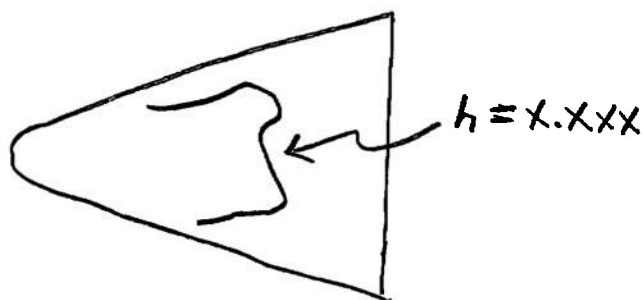
## ABSTRACT

The development of the phase-change paint technique has provided access to a wealth of information in the form of photographs of heating rate patterns on wind tunnel test models. However, difficulty is experienced in the transformation of the data from the photographs to model coordinates because of the distortion of the model image caused by oblique camera views. This report documents the unique capabilities recently developed at the AEDC-VKF for transformation of the photographic information into a model axis system and for presentation of the data in machine generated plots.

To avoid expensive data reduction procedure obtain a true photograph at each model attitude and each camera with a grid overlay on the area of interest.



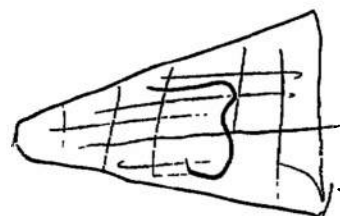
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Melt line

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## NOMENCLATURE

|  |   |
|--|---|
| A B C D  | Constants in transformation equations (Eq. 6)   |
| c  | Specific heat of model material, Btu/lbm-°R   |
| f  | Focal length of camera lens (see Fig. 11), in.  |
| H(TO)  | Heat-transfer coefficient based on $T_{aw} = T_o$   |
| H(.9TO)  | Heat-transfer coefficient based on $T_{aw} = 0.9T_o$  |
| H(.85TO)   | Heat-transfer coefficient based on $T_{aw} = 0.85T_o$   |
| HREF   | Reference heat-transfer coefficient, Btu/ft <sup>2</sup> -sec-°R                              |
| h  | Heat-transfer coefficient, Btu/ft <sup>2</sup> -sec-°R  |
| k  | Thermal conductivity of model material, Btu/ft-sec-°R   |
| L  | Model length, in.   |
| P <sub>1</sub> ,P <sub>2</sub> ,P <sub>3</sub> ,P <sub>4</sub>   | Points in u,v plane surrounding arbitrary point on melt line (see Fig. 13)                    |
| P <sub>TR1</sub> ,P <sub>TR2</sub>   | Reference points in tracing plane   |
| S  | Scale factor between X <sub>T</sub> Y <sub>T</sub> plane and u,v plane (see Fig. 12)          |
| T  | Temperature, °R or °F as noted  |
| t  | Elapsed time from initial exposure of model to free-stream airflow, sec                       |
| u,v  | Film plane coordinate system  |
| (u <sub>R1</sub> ,v <sub>R1</sub> )<br>(u <sub>R2</sub> ,v <sub>R2</sub> )   | Coordinates of reference points R1 and R2 in u,v plane  |
| (u <sub>i</sub> ,v <sub>i</sub> )  | u,v coordinates of the i <sup>th</sup> model geometry point where i includes all model points |
| (u <sub>p</sub> ,v <sub>p</sub> )  | u,v coordinates of arbitrary point on melt line (see Fig. 13)                                 |
| (u <sub>1</sub> ,v <sub>1</sub> )(u <sub>2</sub> ,v <sub>2</sub> )<br>(u <sub>3</sub> ,v <sub>3</sub> )(u <sub>4</sub> ,v <sub>4</sub> ) | u,v coordinates of points surrounding arbitrary point on melt line (see Fig. 13)              |

|  |   |
|--|---|
| $V_{12}, V_{34}$   | Interpolated value of $v$ between $P_1P_2$ and $P_3P_4$ , respectively (Eq. 10 and 11)                        |
| $W_x$  | Interpolation weight factor for $x$ model coordinate (Eq. 9)  |
| $W_{u12}, W_{u34}$   | Interpolation weight factors between $u_1, u_2$ and $u_3, u_4$ (Eq. 12)                                       |
| $X_m, Y_m, Z_m$  | Model axis system (see Fig. 9)  |
| $X_{m_m}, Y_{m_m}, Z_{m_m}$                                | Model surface coordinates in model axis system (see Fig. 9)   |
| $X_c, Y_c, Z_c$  | Camera axis system (see Fig. 11)  |
| $X_{m_c}, Y_{m_c}, Z_{m_c}$                                | Coordinates of camera origin in model axis system   |
| $X_{c_m}, Y_{c_m}, Z_{c_m}$                                | Coordinates of model surface in camera axis system after translation and rotation through $\phi$ and $\theta$ |
| $X_T, Y_T$   | Tracing plane coordinate system (see Fig. 12)   |
| $(X_{TR1}, Y_{TR1})$<br>$(X_{TR2}, Y_{TR2})$               | Coordinates of reference points R1 and R2 in tracing ( $X_T, Y_T$ ) plane (see Fig. 12)                       |
| $X_{mR1}, Y_{mR1}, Z_{mR1}$<br>$X_{mR2}, Y_{mR2}, Z_{mR2}$ | Coordinates of reference points $P_{TR1}$ and $P_{TR2}$ in model axis system                                  |
| $X_{12}, X_{34}$   | Model X station containing points 1, 2 and 3, 4, respectively (see Figs. 9 and 13)                            |
| $X_{m1}, X_{m2},$<br>$X_{m3}, X_{m4}$                      | Model X coordinate of points 1, 2, 3, and 4   |
| $Y_{m1}, Y_{m2},$<br>$Y_{m3}, Y_{m4}$                      | Model Y coordinate of points 1, 2, 3, and 4   |
| $Z_{m1}, Z_{m2},$<br>$Z_{m3}, Z_{m4}$                      | Model Z coordinate of points 1, 2, 3, and 4   |
| $\alpha$   | Model angle of attack, deg  |
| $\beta$  | Angle between $Y_T$ axis and $u$ axis (see Fig. 12), deg  |
| $\theta$   | Elevation angle of camera line of sight relative to the $X_m, Y_m$ plane (see Fig. 10), deg                   |



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|--------|--|
| $\rho$ | Density of model material, lbm/ft <sup>3</sup>         |
| $\phi$ | Rotation angle about the $Z_m$ axis (see Fig. 10), deg |

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|----|--|
| aw | Adiabatic wall                                   |
| i  | Initial temperature prior to exposure to airflow |
| o  | Stagnation                                       |
| pc | Phase change                                     |
| w  | Model wall                                       |

## SECTION I INTRODUCTION

Aerodynamic heating considerations played an important role in the design of the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo vehicles. The Space Shuttle thermal protection system is typical of today's aerodynamic heating problems, and advanced interceptors and hypersonic transports represent the next generation of heating problems. Just as the configurations have become more sophisticated over the years, so have the testing techniques to handle these aerodynamic heating problems. Jones and Hunt (Ref. 1) pioneered development of the phase-change paint technique and Compton (Ref. 2) has documented preliminary heating results obtained by using an infrared camera. These thermal mapping techniques can provide a complete heating distribution on a given model surface. However, the transformation of the data to plots has been a drawback particularly in the case of phase-change paint data.

The basic phase-change paint data consist of sequenced photographs or motion-picture film which show the progression of the phase-change paint melt lines. Nossaman (Ref. 3) and Throckmorton (Ref. 4) discuss some of the difficulties in attempting to automate the transformation of the melt lines from the photographic plane to data plots. The staff of the VKF has been particularly concerned about the automation of the data reduction process because of the large volume of photographs generated during a typical test. For example, during a space shuttle orbiter reentry test (Ref. 5), three cameras were used to simultaneously photograph the top, side, and bottom model surfaces, and approximately 5000 photographs were obtained per day. Of these about 200 were used to extract heating data.

The purpose of this report is to document the procedures developed at the VKF to convert the information contained on phase-change paint photographs to machine-generated model axis data plots. The procedures previously employed consisted of overlaying a model grid and reading the coordinates of the melt line of a given photograph and then using charts to determine the corresponding value of the heat-transfer coefficient (for example, see Refs. 6 and 7). This technique is extremely tedious and time consuming if a significant number of data plots are required. However, it should be understood that in cases of complex model geometry the actual phase-change paint photograph may be the best way to present the data.

## SECTION II TEST PROCEDURES

The phase-change paint technique of measuring the heat transfer to a model surface was developed by Jones and Hunt (Ref. 1). This technique assumes that the model wall temperature response is similar to that of a semi-infinite slab subjected to an instantaneous and constant heat-transfer coefficient. The surface wall temperature rise for a semi-infinite slab is given by the equation

$$\frac{T_w - T_i}{T_{aw} - T_i} = 1 - e^{b^2} \operatorname{erfc} b \quad (1)$$

where  $b = h\sqrt{t}/\sqrt{\rho ck}$ .

A specific value of the wall temperature ( $T_w$ ) is indicated by a phase-change paint (Tempilaq®). These paints change from an opaque solid to a transparent liquid at a specified phase-change temperature ( $T_{pc}$ ). For known values of  $T_i$ ,  $T_{aw}$ ,  $t$ , and  $\sqrt{\rho ck}$ , the heat-transfer coefficient ( $h$ ) can be calculated as a function of the time required for the phase change to occur by using  $T_w = T_{pc}$ . That is,

$$h = \frac{b\sqrt{\rho ck}}{\sqrt{t}} \quad (2)$$

where  $b$  comes from the solution of Eq. (1) since the left-hand side is known.

Prior to each run, the model is cleaned and cooled with alcohol and then spray painted with Tempilaq. In most cases, the windward and leeward surfaces are sprayed with different paints since the leeside surface temperatures are generally lower than the windward surface temperatures. The model is installed on the model injection mechanism at the desired test attitude, and the model initial temperature ( $T_i$ ) is measured. The model is then injected into the airstream for approximately 25 sec and during this time the model surface temperature rise produces isotherm melt lines. The progression of the melt lines is photographed with 70-mm sequenced cameras operating at two frames per second. Typical examples of phase-change paint photographs obtained during a run are presented in Fig. 1 (Appendix), and a typical camera arrangement is illustrated in Fig. 2. Figure 3 illustrates the film plane distortion of a model caused by the oblique camera viewing angles and shows that linear scaling from photographs should be avoided.

During each run, the tunnel stagnation conditions and the time of each picture are recorded on magnetic tape as well as the model initial temperature and the phase-change paint temperature ( $T_{pc}$ ). As previously mentioned, these parameters are used in the solution of Eq. (1) and provide a value of heat-transfer coefficient which is associated with each picture. A sample printout illustrating this phase of the data reduction technique is presented in Fig. 4. It should be emphasized that the basic information presented in Fig. 4 is simply a tabulation of the semi-infinite slab equation solution for various times. Of course, to be useful these calculated heat-transfer parameters must be associated with a melt line on the photograph obtained at a corresponding time. Also note that Fig. 4 includes heat-transfer coefficients calculated for assumed adiabatic wall temperatures of  $T_o$ ,  $0.9T_o$ , and  $0.85T_o$ . The use of three values of  $T_{aw}$  provides an indication of the sensitivity of the heat-transfer coefficients to the value of  $T_{aw}$  assumed. As can be seen, there are large percentage differences in the values of the heat-transfer coefficients. Therefore, if the data are to be used for flight predictions, the value of  $T_{aw}/T_o$  is obviously very important.

### SECTION III DATA REDUCTION PROCEDURES

Plots illustrating typical axial and spanwise comparisons of data and theory are shown in Fig. 5. These types of plots are frequently the desired results of a phase-change paint test. Therefore, the problem is to convert the information from the phase-change paint photographs (Fig. 1) into heat-transfer rate distribution plots (Fig. 5). Figure 6 is a schematic of how this is done, and the sections that follow provide the details of the procedures. In general, the steps are:

1. Interpret and trace melt lines from photographs, ✓
2. Record melt line coordinates on magnetic tape,
3. Mathematically transform the model coordinates into the film plane and overlay the melt line,
4. Interpolate to determine body coordinates of the melt line, and
5. Machine generate the desired data plots.

#### 3.1 RECORDING MELT LINES

A film editing machine (Fig. 7) is used to review the 70-mm film obtained during the test. When the observer comes to a frame of interest he simply traces the melt contour on Mylar® film and records the picture frame number with the tracing. Since the determination of the proper melt line requires some judgment (Ref. 4), an engineer familiar with the test is needed to supervise or perform the task of making the melt line tracings. Experience has shown that the number of hours required to make the tracings is approximately equal to the wind tunnel hours required to obtain the photographs.

These melt line tracings and the corresponding reference points and frame numbers are recorded on magnetic tape by using an analog tracing system (Fig. 8).<sup>1</sup> The frame number links a value of heat-transfer coefficient (see Section II) with the picture plane coordinates of the melt lines and the reference points are used in scaling.

#### 3.2 TRANSFORMATION OF MODEL COORDINATES TO FILM PLANE

The mechanics of the model coordinate transformation to the film plane require that the three-dimensional model coordinates which are recorded in the model axis system first be transformed into the camera axis system and then into the two-dimensional film plane coordinate system. A double subscript notation used to identify the axis systems and points is illustrated as follows:

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<sup>1</sup>Experience has shown that it is more efficient to perform a two-step operation in recording the melt lines as opposed to going directly from the photographs to the magnetic tape.

|     |                      |
|-----|----------------------|
| $X$ | X component          |
| $m$ | model axis system    |
| $m$ | model surface points |
| $X$ | X component          |
| $m$ | model axis system    |
| $c$ | camera focal point   |
| $X$ | X component          |
| $c$ | camera axis system   |
| $m$ | model surface points |

The model surface coordinates ( $X_{m_m}, Y_{m_m}, Z_{m_m}$ ) are measured using a Sheffield Cordax measuring machine as illustrated in Fig. 9. The location of the camera focal point ( $X_{m_c}, Y_{m_c}, Z_{m_c}$ ) and the camera line of sight are specified in the model axis system. The direction of the camera line of sight is defined by two angles ( $\phi$  and  $\theta$ ), where  $\phi$  is the rotation angle around the  $Z_m$  axis and  $\theta$  is the elevation angle with respect to the  $X_m Y_m$  plane. The  $z$  axis of the camera coordinate system is coincident with the camera line of sight (see Fig. 10).

Given the model coordinates and the camera parameters, each point on the model is transformed into the film plane, thereby constructing a mathematical "photograph" of the model (Fig. 11). That is, the three-dimensional model coordinates are transformed into a two-dimensional film plane coordinate system which is designated as the  $u,v$  plane. The mechanics of the transformation are outlined in the remainder of this section.

Each model surface point in the model axis system is translated and rotated to the camera coordinate system by the following transformation:

$$\begin{vmatrix} X_{c_m} \\ Y_{c_m} \\ Z_{c_m} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ -\sin \theta \cos \phi & -\sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \\ \cos \theta \cos \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi & \sin \theta \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} X_{m_m} - X_{m_c} \\ Y_{m_m} - Y_{m_c} \\ Z_{m_m} - Z_{m_c} \end{vmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Projection of these coordinates onto the film plane ( $u,v$  plane) is obtained by

$$u = f \left( \frac{X_{c_m}}{Z_{c_m}} \right) \quad v = f \left( \frac{Y_{c_m}}{Z_{c_m}} \right) \quad (4)$$

where  $f$  is the distance from the focal point to the  $u,v$  plane. This distance is the same as the lens to film distance in the camera (Fig. 11).

There is now a set of  $(u,v)$  points for the set of model geometry points  $(X_{m_m}, Y_{m_m}, Z_{m_m})$ . The next step is to scale the melt line coordinates to this same  $u,v$  plane.

The melt line coordinates are recorded in the tracing plane as illustrated in Figs. 8 and 12. These coordinates must also be transformed onto the film plane before the model coordinates of the melt line can be determined.

In general, the transformation of a point from the tracing plane to the  $u,v$  plane is given by

$$\begin{aligned} u &= (S \cos \beta) Y_T + (S \sin \beta) X_T - C \\ v &= (S \cos \beta) X_T - (S \sin \beta) Y_T - D \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where the nomenclature is illustrated in Fig. 12. Letting  $A = S \cos \beta$  and  $B = S \sin \beta$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} u &= A Y_T + B X_T + C \\ v &= A X_T - B Y_T + D \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  are four unknowns. These unknown coefficients are solved for by using two known points called reference marks. The two reference marks are identified in the tracing plane (Fig. 12) as  $(P_{TR1}, P_{TR2})$ . The known model coordinates of these points are  $(X_{mR1}, Y_{mR1}, Z_{mR1})$  and  $(X_{mR2}, Y_{mR2}, Z_{mR2})$ , and the tracing plane coordinates are  $(X_{TR1}, Y_{TR1})$  and  $(X_{TR2}, Y_{TR2})$ . The model coordinates are transformed into the  $u,v$  plane by Eqs. (3) and (4) to give  $(u_{R1}, v_{R1})$  and  $(u_{R2}, v_{R2})$ . Substitution into Eq. (6) gives

$$\begin{aligned} u_{R1} &= A Y_{TR1} - B X_{TR1} + C \\ v_{R1} &= A X_{TR1} - B Y_{TR1} + D \\ u_{R2} &= A Y_{TR2} - B X_{TR2} + C \\ v_{R2} &= A X_{TR2} - B Y_{TR2} + D \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The simultaneous solution of these equations for  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  allows all points on the melt line to be transformed from the tracing plane to the  $u,v$  plane by applying Eq. (6) to each melt line point.

### 3.3 INTERPOLATION OF MELT LINE POINTS TO DETERMINE BODY COORDINATES

As described in the previous two sections, the points along the melt line and the model surface coordinates are transformed into the film plane axis system ( $u,v$  plane). The next step in the data reduction process is to interpolate in the  $u,v$  plane to determine the model coordinates ( $X_m, Y_m, Z_m$ ) of the melt lines.

A search is made in the  $u,v$  plane to find the point ( $u_1, v_1$ ) which is a minimum distance from the melt line point ( $u_p, v_p$ ). That is, the minimum of

$$\sqrt{(u_p - u_1)^2 + (v_p - v_1)^2}$$

for all model geometry points is found (see Fig. 13). After the point  $P_1$  is found, a search is made to find the second nearest point to the point ( $u_p, v_p$ ). This point ( $P_2$ ) is restricted to the same model station<sup>2</sup> as  $P_1$  so that  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  both have the same  $X_m$  model coordinate which is designated,  $X_{12}$ . At a different model station, the third and fourth closest points to the melt line point are determined such that the melt line point falls within a quadrilateral as illustrated in Figs. 13 and 14a. The points  $P_3$  and  $P_4$  are also restricted such that they have the same value for the  $X_m$  model coordinate (designated  $X_{34}$ ). Model station  $X_{34}$  is adjacent to model station  $X_{12}$ .

To determine the ( $X_m, Y_m, Z_m$ ) model coordinates of the melt line point ( $u_p, v_p$ ), a simple linear interpolation technique is applied which uses weighting factors. For example, since the unknown melt line point is inside the quadrilateral bounded by the model  $X_m$  coordinates ( $X_{12}$  and  $X_{34}$ ), it is known that its  $X_m$  model coordinate has a value between  $X_{12}$  and  $X_{34}$ . A weighting factor ( $W_x$ ) is calculated such that

$$W_x = 0 \text{ when } v_p \text{ lies on the same model station as } X_{m_1} \text{ and } X_{m_2} \text{ (see Fig. 14b)}$$

and

$$W_x = 1 \text{ when } v_p \text{ lies on the same model station as } X_{m_3} \text{ and } X_{m_4}.$$

Then the  $X_m$  model coordinate of the unknown point is given by

$$X_m = X_{12} + (X_{34} - X_{12}) W_x \quad (8)$$

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<sup>2</sup>As described at the beginning of this section, the model coordinates were recorded at constant model stations, and therefore, adjacent spanwise points have the same  $X_m$  model coordinate.

As illustrated in Fig. 14b the value of the weighting factor ( $W_x$ ) goes from 0 to 1 depending on the magnitude of  $v_p$ . The factor  $W_x$  is calculated by the ratio:

$$W_x = \frac{v_p - V_{12}}{V_{34} - V_{12}} \quad (9)$$

where

$$V_{12} = v_1 + (v_2 - v_1)W_{u12} \quad (\text{see Fig. 14c}) \quad (10)$$

and

$$V_{34} = v_3 + (v_4 - v_3)W_{u34} \quad (11)$$

As can be seen, the technique used to calculate  $V_{12}$  and  $V_{34}$  is similar to that used to calculate  $X_m$  (Eq. 8). The weighting factors ( $W_{u12}$  and  $W_{u34}$ ) are given by the equations:

$$W_{u12} = \frac{u_p - u_1}{u_2 - u_1} \quad (\text{see Fig. 14d}) \quad (12)$$

$$W_{u34} = \frac{u_p - u_3}{u_4 - u_3}$$

Note that;  $W_{u12} = 0$  when  $u_p = u_1$ , and  $W_{u12} = 1$  when  $u_p = u_2$ .

The procedure described above and illustrated in Fig. 14 is used to calculate the model  $X_m$  coordinate of an arbitrary point on the melt line. The procedure used to calculate the model  $Y_m$  coordinate of the melt line points is similar. The equations are:

$$Y_m = Y_{12} + (Y_{34} - Y_{12})W_x \quad (\text{see Eq. 8}) \quad (13)$$

where

$$Y_{12} = Y_{m1} + (Y_{m2} - Y_{m1})W_{u12} \quad (14)$$

and

$$Y_{34} = Y_{m3} + (Y_{m4} - Y_{m3})W_{u34} \quad (15)$$

Substitution and simplification yield

$$\begin{aligned} Y_m = & Y_{m1}(1 - W_{u12})(1 - W_x) \\ & + Y_{m2}(W_{u12})(1 - W_x) \\ & + Y_{m3}(W_x)(1 - W_{u34}) \\ & + Y_{m4}(W_x)(W_{u34}) \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$



In a like manner, it can be shown that

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z_m = & Z_{m_1}(1 - W_{u12})(1 - W_x) \\
 & + Z_{m_2}(W_{u12})(1 - W_x) \\
 & + Z_{m_3}(W_x)(1 - W_{u34}) \\
 & + Z_{m_4}(W_x)(W_{u34})
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{17}$$

### 3.4 DATA PRESENTATION

With the model coordinates of a melt line and the corresponding heat-transfer coefficient stored on tape, the final step is to present the data in a convenient form. Several methods were considered before selection of the format illustrated in Fig. 15. Presented in Fig. 15<sup>3</sup> is the final data reduction of the run illustrated in Fig. 1. There are three parts to the final data presentation:

1. Figure 15a: tabulated heating parameters for each selected picture plus run conditions and model attitude.
2. Figure 15b to i: the model coordinates  $X_m, Y_m$  of the melt line for different levels of heating presented with a planform view of the model outline. Of course, for a side-mounted camera a side view of the model outline would be presented. It should be emphasized that the melt line (or heating level) coordinates are in the model axis system and do not include the distortion associated with a photograph.
3. Figure 15j: axial and spanwise data plots. Once the melt lines are transformed into the model coordinate system, it is relatively simple to machine generate this type of data plots.

## SECTION IV CONCLUDING REMARKS

The difficulty in converting heat-transfer-rate information from phase-change paint photographs to data plots has been a drawback to the phase-change paint technique. This report documents the unique capabilities recently developed at the AEDC-VKF for transforming the photographic information obtained from phase-change paint tests into a model axis system and then presentation of the data in machine-generated plots.

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<sup>3</sup>This figure was taken directly from Ref. 8, and additional examples of AEDC-VKF reduced paint data may be found in Refs. 9 through 12.

The procedures described in this report deal with the specific problem of extracting information from phase-change paint photographs and correcting for camera viewing angle; however, it should be noted that many of these same procedures could be applied to extracting information from any photograph. For example, these procedures could be used on thermographic phosphor, shadowgraph, schlieren, and oil flow photographs.

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## **APPENDIX ILLUSTRATIONS**

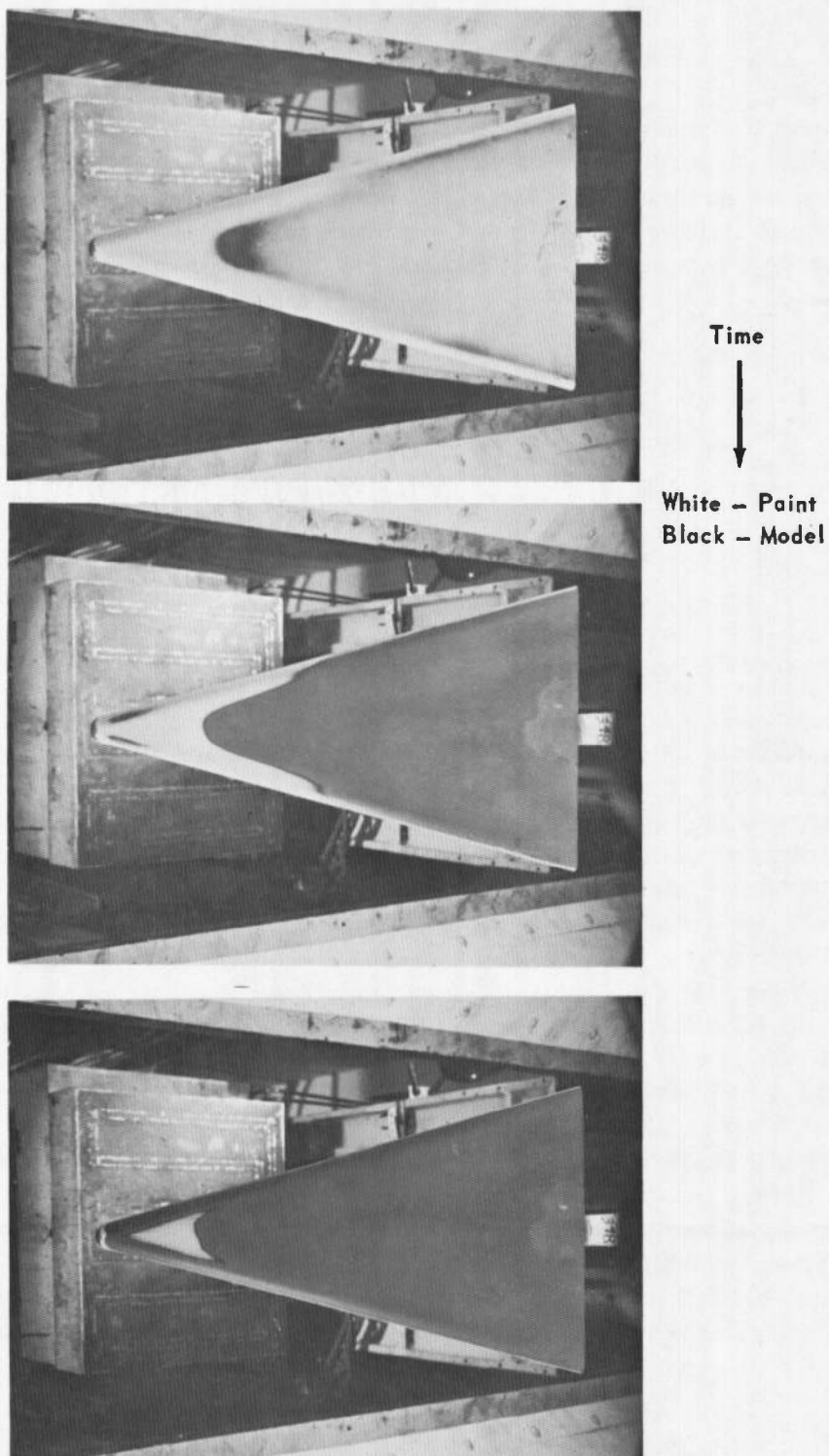


Fig. 1 Typical Examples of Phase-Change Paint Photographs

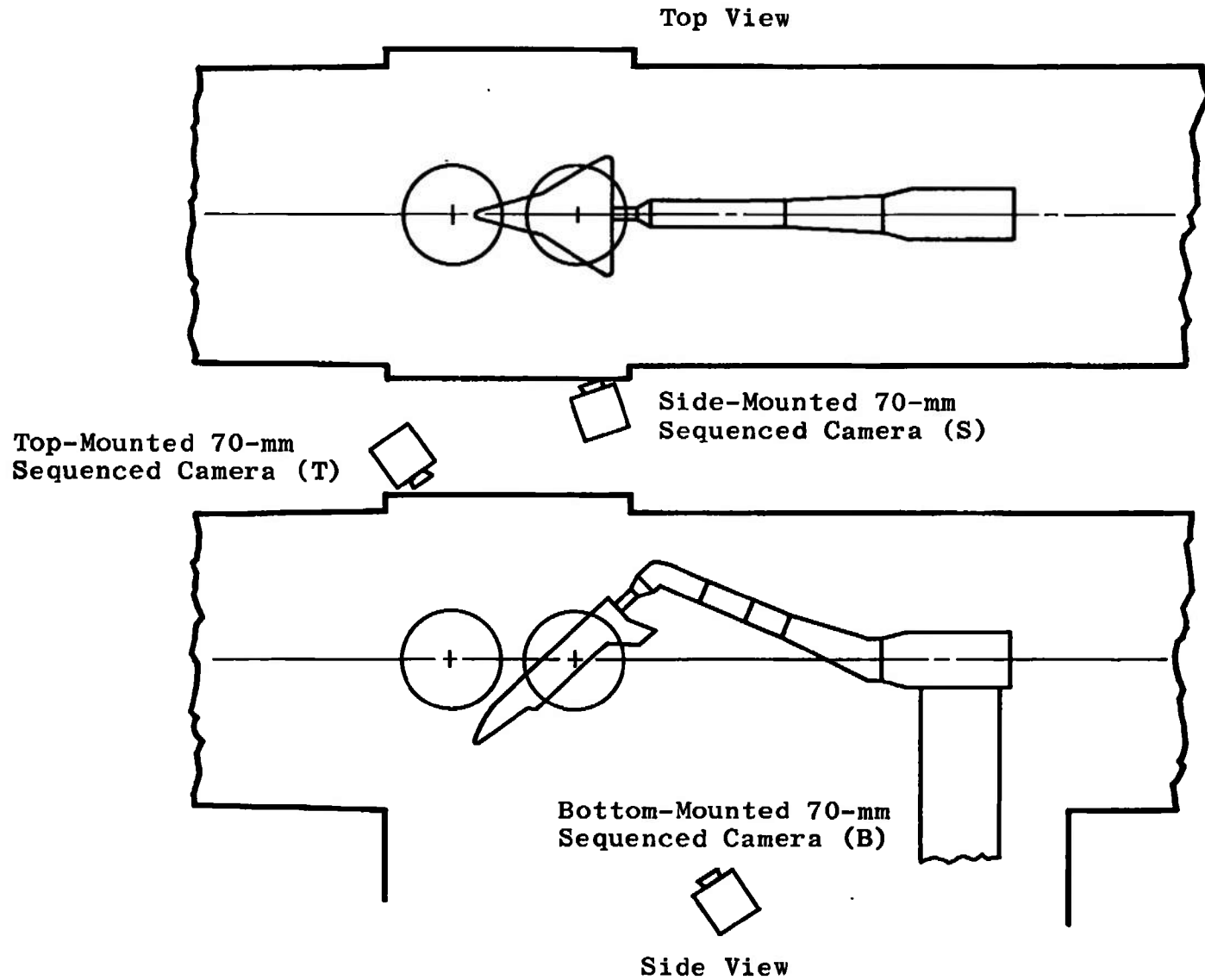


Fig. 2 Typical Installation for Phase-Change Paint Test

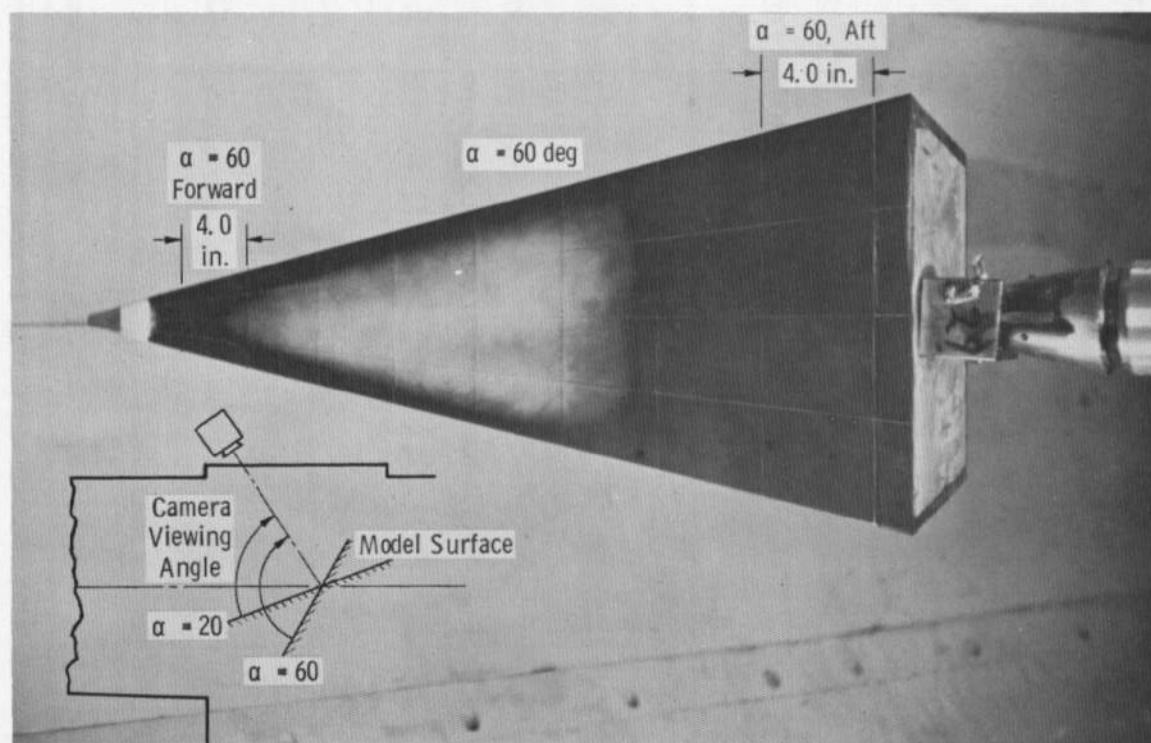
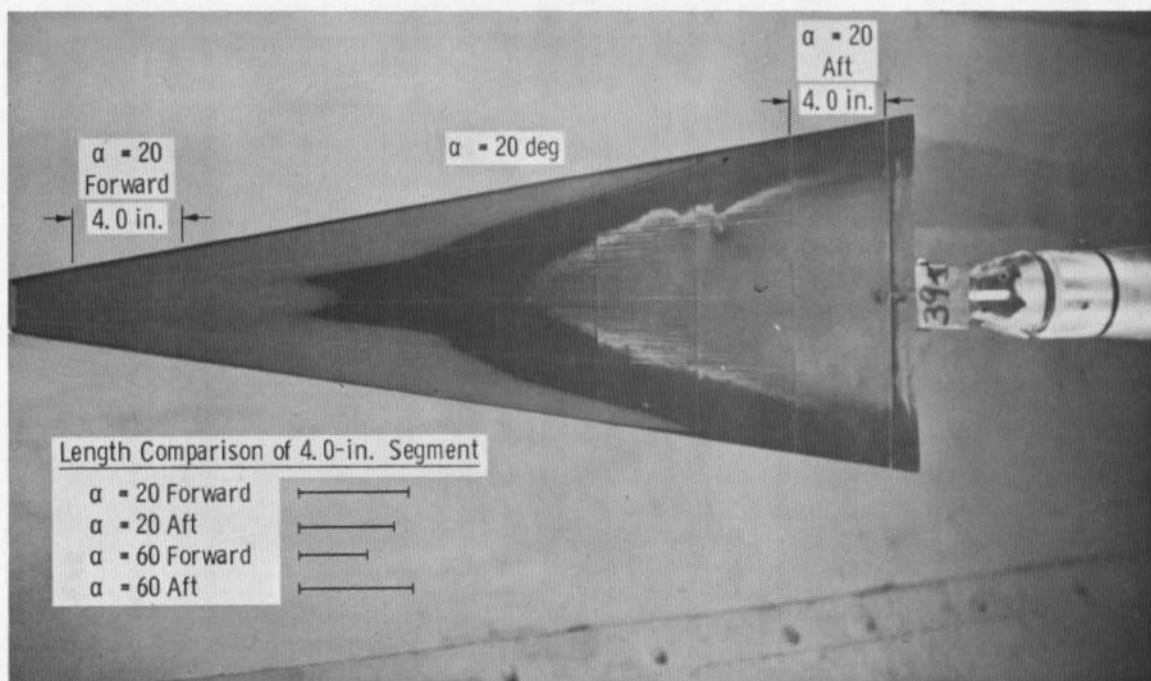


Fig. 3 Illustration of Model Distortion Caused by Camera Viewing Angle

# MUST GET IN SEQUENCE WITH MELT LINES

| GROUP<br>#        | CONFIG<br>REENTRY                | ALPHA-SECTOR<br>2.00 | ALPHA-PREREND<br>-91.80 | ROLL-MODEL<br>180.00       | ALPHA-MODEL<br>29.80   | YAW<br>.00      | MACH NO<br>8.00       | PO PSIA<br>298.0 | TO DEG R<br>1263.5 |           |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| T-INF<br>(DEG R)  | P-INF<br>(PSIA)                  | O-INF<br>(PSIA)      | V-INF<br>(FT/SEC)       | RHU-INF<br>(SLUGS/FT3)     | MU-INF<br>(LB-SEC/FT2) | RE/FT<br>(FT-1) | STFR<br>(R= .0310 FT) |                  |                    |           |
| 91.6              | .0305                            | 1.367                | 3751                    | 2.80E-05                   | 7.37E-08               | 1.42E 06        | 2.58E-02              |                  |                    |           |
| PHASE CHANGE TEMP |                                  | INITIAL TEMP         |                         | SQUARE ROOT( RHO X C X K ) |                        |                 |                       |                  |                    |           |
| 566 AND 685 DEG R |                                  | 540 DEG R            |                         | 3.67E-02                   |                        |                 |                       |                  |                    |           |
| 106 AND 225 DEG F |                                  | 80 DEG F             |                         |                            |                        |                 |                       |                  |                    |           |
| PICTURE<br>NUMBER | TIME UFL                         | TIME                 | T AVG                   | H(TO)                      | ST(TO)                 | ST/STFR         | H(.85TO)              | ST(.85TO)        | H(.90TO)           | ST(.90TO) |
| 5108              | MODEL HAS NOT REACHED CENTERLINE |                      |                         |                            |                        |                 |                       |                  |                    |           |
| 9422              | MODEL HAS NOT REACHED CENTERLINE |                      |                         |                            |                        |                 |                       |                  |                    |           |
| 3611              | MODEL HAS NOT REACHED CENTERLINE |                      |                         |                            |                        |                 |                       |                  |                    |           |
| 5109              | MODEL HAS NOT REACHED CENTERLINE |                      |                         |                            |                        |                 |                       |                  |                    |           |
| 9423              | MODEL HAS NOT REACHED CENTERLINE |                      |                         |                            |                        |                 |                       |                  |                    |           |
| 3612              | MODEL HAS NOT REACHED CENTERLINE |                      |                         |                            |                        |                 |                       |                  |                    |           |
| 5110              | MODEL HAS NOT REACHED CENTERLINE |                      |                         |                            |                        |                 |                       |                  |                    |           |
| 9424              | MODEL HAS NOT REACHED CENTERLINE |                      |                         |                            |                        |                 |                       |                  |                    |           |
| 3613              | MODEL HAS NOT REACHED CENTERLINE |                      |                         |                            |                        |                 |                       |                  |                    |           |
| INJECT TIME =     |                                  | 1.90                 |                         |                            |                        |                 |                       |                  |                    |           |
| R 5111( 685)      | 2.05                             | .98                  | 540.0                   | 7.847E-03                  | 9.308E-03              | .3604           | 1.144E-02             | 1.372E-02        | 9.920E-03          | 1.185E-02 |
| T 9425( 566)      | 2.15                             | 1.08                 | 540.0                   | 1.155E-03                  | 1.380E-03              | .0534           | 1.583E-03             | 1.911E-03        | 1.409E-03          | 1.695E-03 |
| H 5112( 685)      | 2.55                             | 1.48                 | 540.0                   | 6.386E-03                  | 7.572E-03              | .2933           | 9.315E-03             | 1.116E-02        | 8.077E-03          | 9.644E-03 |
| T 9426( 566)      | 2.70                             | 1.63                 | 540.0                   | 9.407E-04                  | 1.123E-03              | .0435           | 1.280E-03             | 1.555E-03        | 1.148E-03          | 1.379E-03 |
| S 3614( 685)      | 2.70                             | 1.63                 | 540.0                   | 6.085E-03                  | 7.217E-03              | .2795           | 8.877E-03             | 1.064E-02        | 7.697E-03          | 9.191E-03 |
| R 5113( 685)      | 3.05                             | 1.98                 | 540.0                   | 5.522E-03                  | 6.552E-03              | .2537           | 8.056E-03             | 9.656E-03        | 6.995E-03          | 8.344E-03 |
| T 9427( 566)      | 3.20                             | 2.13                 | 540.0                   | 8.231E-04                  | 9.831E-04              | .0381           | 1.128E-03             | 1.361E-03        | 1.004E-03          | 1.208E-03 |
| S 3615( 685)      | 3.20                             | 2.13                 | 540.0                   | 5.325E-03                  | 6.319E-03              | .2447           | 7.768E-03             | 9.313E-03        | 6.735E-03          | 8.047E-03 |
| H 5114( 685)      | 3.60                             | 2.53                 | 540.0                   | 4.884E-03                  | 5.798E-03              | .2245           | 7.128E-03             | 8.546E-03        | 6.181E-03          | 7.384E-03 |
| T 9428( 566)      | 3.70                             | 2.63                 | 540.0                   | 7.409E-04                  | 8.843E-04              | .0343           | 1.015E-03             | 1.224E-03        | 9.039E-04          | 1.086E-03 |
| H 5115( 685)      | 4.10                             | 3.03                 | 540.0                   | 4.465E-03                  | 5.295E-03              | .2051           | 6.514E-03             | 7.805E-03        | 5.648E-03          | 6.744E-03 |
| T 9429( 566)      | 4.25                             | 3.18                 | 540.0                   | 6.739E-04                  | 8.043E-04              | .0312           | 9.234E-04             | 1.114E-03        | 8.221E-04          | 9.881E-04 |
| S 3616( 685)      | 4.25                             | 3.18                 | 540.0                   | 4.359E-03                  | 5.169E-03              | .2002           | 6.359E-03             | 7.619E-03        | 5.514E-03          | 6.594E-03 |
| R 5116( 685)      | 4.60                             | 3.53                 | 540.0                   | 4.137E-03                  | 4.907E-03              | .1900           | 6.034E-03             | 7.232E-03        | 5.233E-03          | 6.249E-03 |
| T 9430( 566)      | 4.75                             | 3.68                 | 540.0                   | 6.264E-04                  | 7.477E-04              | .0290           | 8.584E-04             | 1.035E-03        | 7.643E-04          | 9.186E-04 |
| S 3617( 685)      | 4.75                             | 3.68                 | 540.0                   | 4.055E-03                  | 4.806E-03              | .1861           | 5.911E-03             | 7.083E-03        | 5.126E-03          | 6.120E-03 |
| H 5117( 685)      | 5.10                             | 4.03                 | 540.0                   | 3.873E-03                  | 4.594E-03              | .1780           | 5.640E-03             | 6.777E-03        | 4.898E-03          | 5.857E-03 |
| T 9431( 566)      | 5.25                             | 4.18                 | 540.0                   | 5.877E-04                  | 7.020E-04              | .0272           | 8.055E-04             | 9.720E-04        | 7.172E-04          | 8.625E-04 |
| S 3618( 685)      | 5.25                             | 4.18                 | 540.0                   | 3.802E-03                  | 4.512E-03              | .1747           | 5.547E-03             | 6.650E-03        | 4.810E-03          | 5.747E-03 |
| R 5118( 685)      | 5.60                             | 4.53                 | 540.0                   | 3.653E-03                  | 4.335E-03              | .1678           | 5.328E-03             | 6.389E-03        | 4.620E-03          | 5.521E-03 |
| T 9432( 566)      | 5.75                             | 4.68                 | 540.0                   | 5.555E-04                  | 6.629E-04              | .0257           | 7.612E-04             | 9.179E-04        | 6.778E-04          | 8.145E-04 |
| H 5119( 685)      | 6.10                             | 5.03                 | 540.0                   | 3.467E-03                  | 4.117E-03              | .1593           | 5.057E-03             | 6.067E-03        | 4.385E-03          | 5.243E-03 |
| S 3619( 685)      | 6.30                             | 5.23                 | 540.0                   | 3.400E-03                  | 4.035E-03              | .1562           | 4.959E-03             | 5.947E-03        | 4.300E-03          | 5.139E-03 |
| R 5120( 685)      | 6.65                             | 5.58                 | 540.0                   | 3.291E-03                  | 3.905E-03              | .1512           | 4.801E-03             | 5.756E-03        | 4.163E-03          | 4.973E-03 |
| T 9433( 566)      | 6.80                             | 5.73                 | 540.0                   | 5.021E-04                  | 5.997E-04              | .0232           | 6.880E-04             | 8.303E-04        | 6.126E-04          | 7.367E-04 |
| S 3620( 685)      | 6.80                             | 5.73                 | 540.0                   | 3.248E-03                  | 3.854E-03              | .1492           | 4.738E-03             | 5.681E-03        | 4.108E-03          | 4.909E-03 |

Fig. 4 Printout of Parameters Stored on "Tunnel Tape"



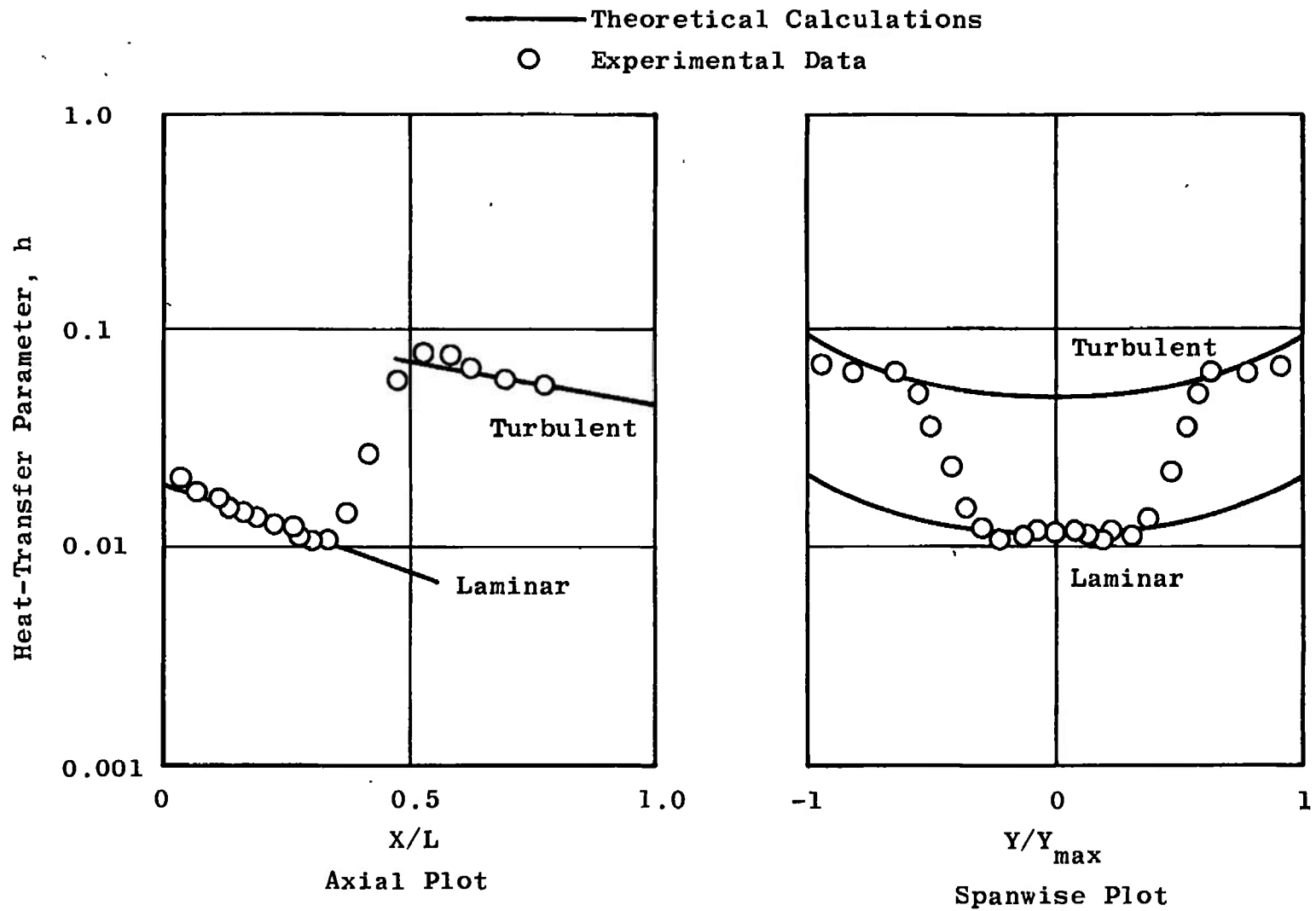


Fig. 5 Illustration of Desired Type of Plots from Phase-Change Paint Test

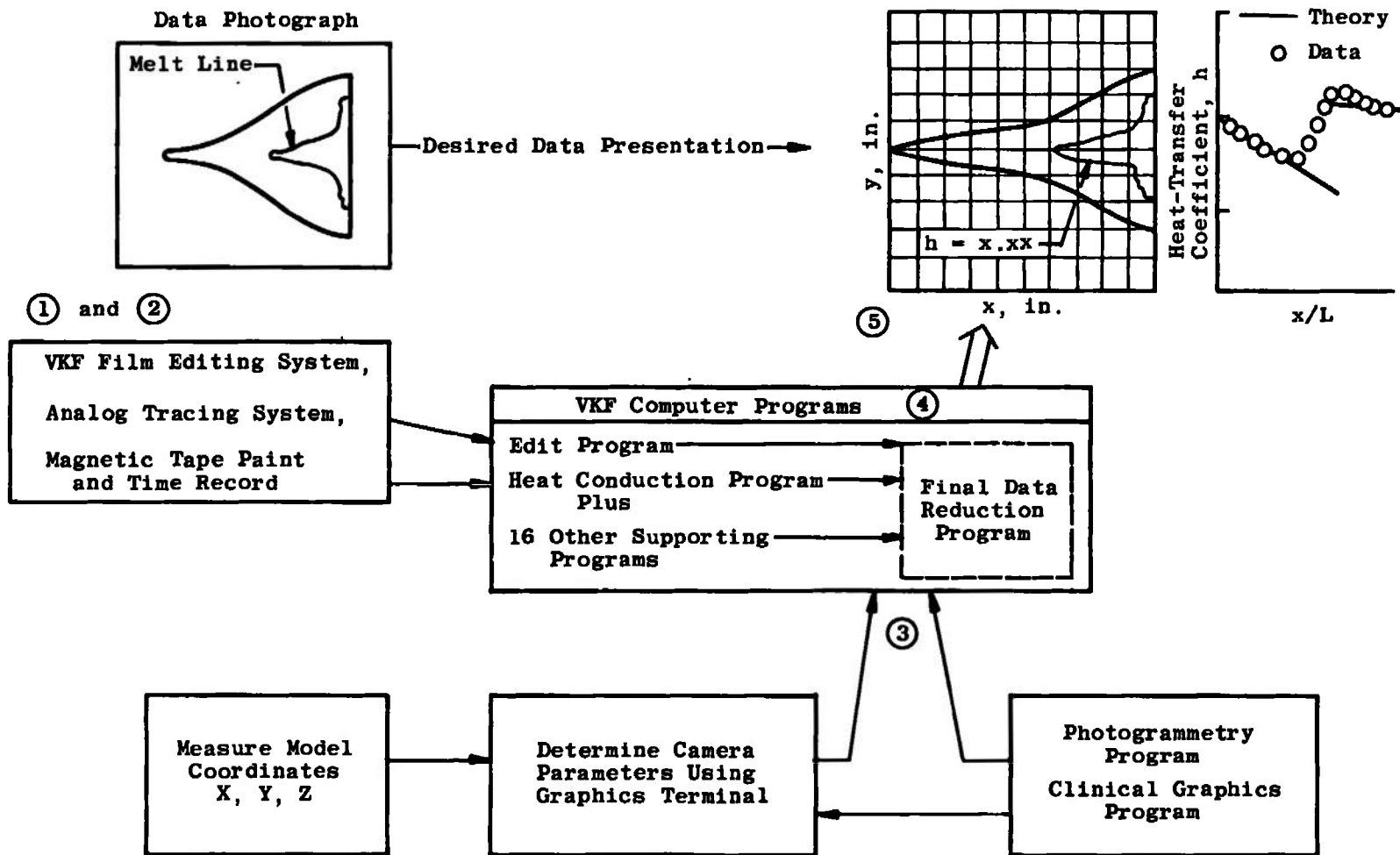


Fig. 6 Schematic Illustrating Reduction of Photographs to Useful Heat-Transfer Parameters

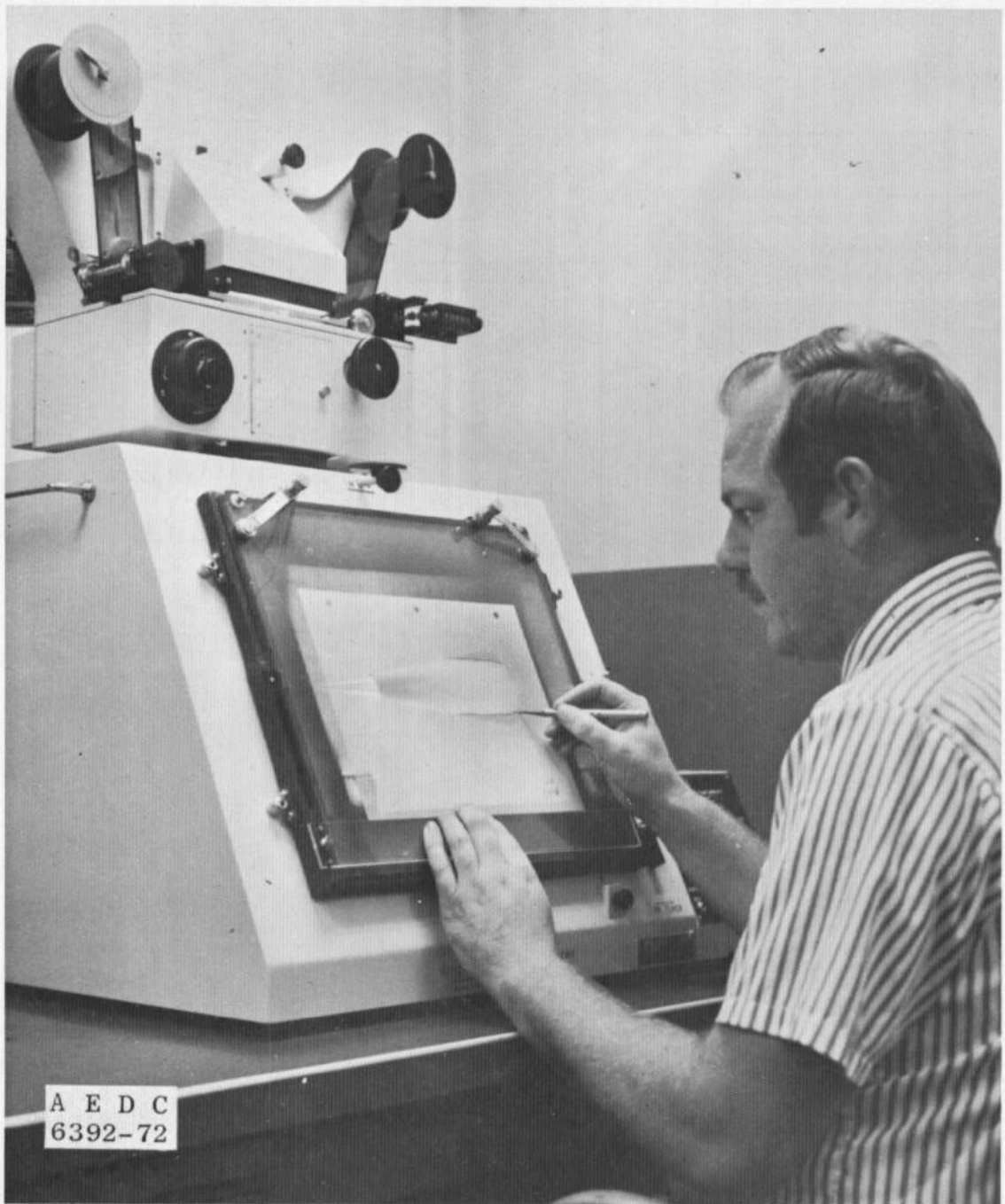
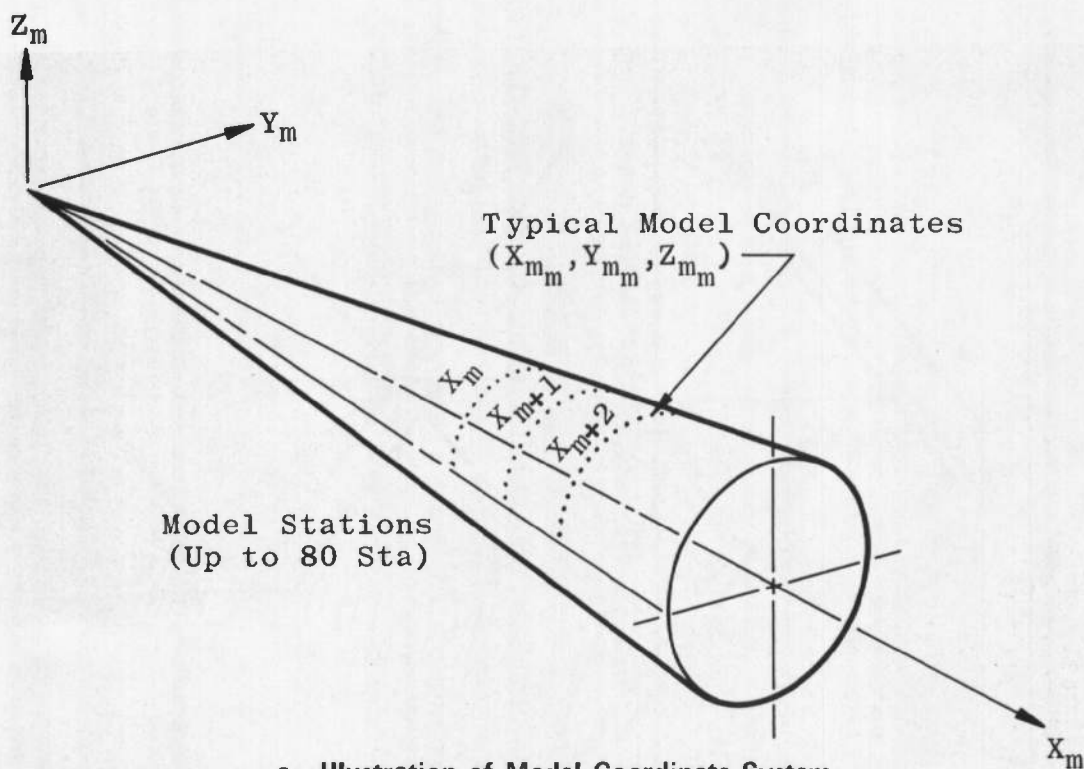


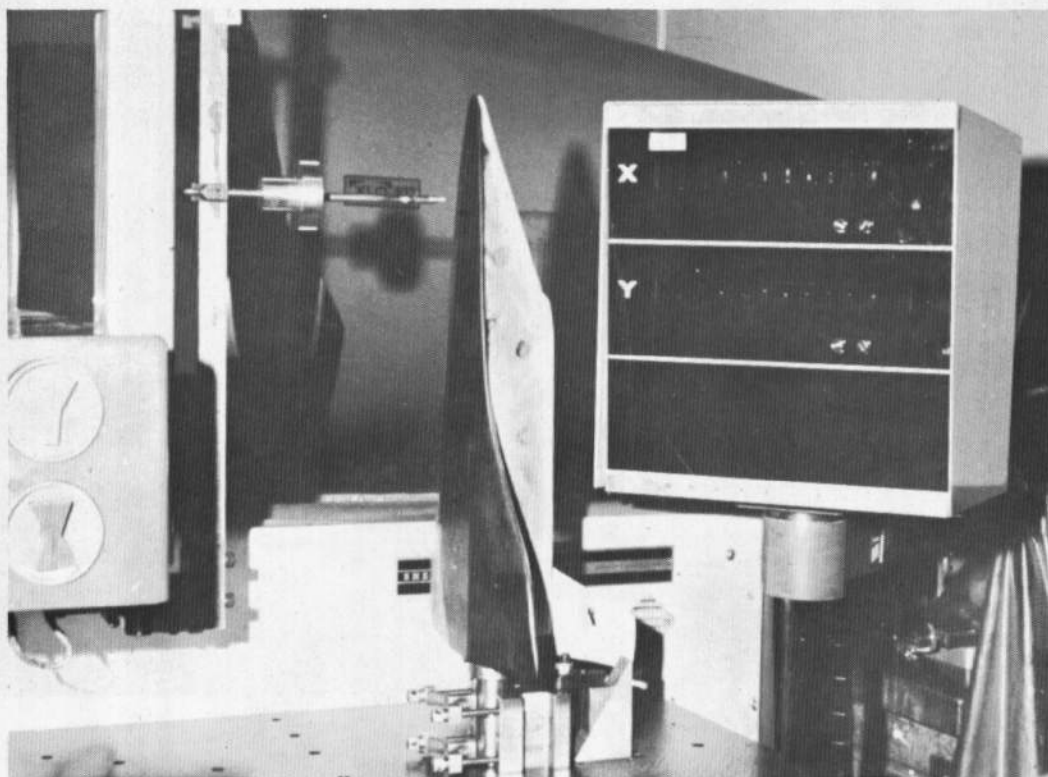
Fig. 7 VKF Film Editing System



Fig. 8 VKF Analog Tracing System



a. Illustration of Model Coordinate System



b. Sheffield Cordax Coordinate Measuring Machine  
Fig. 9 Model Surface Coordinate Measurement Technique

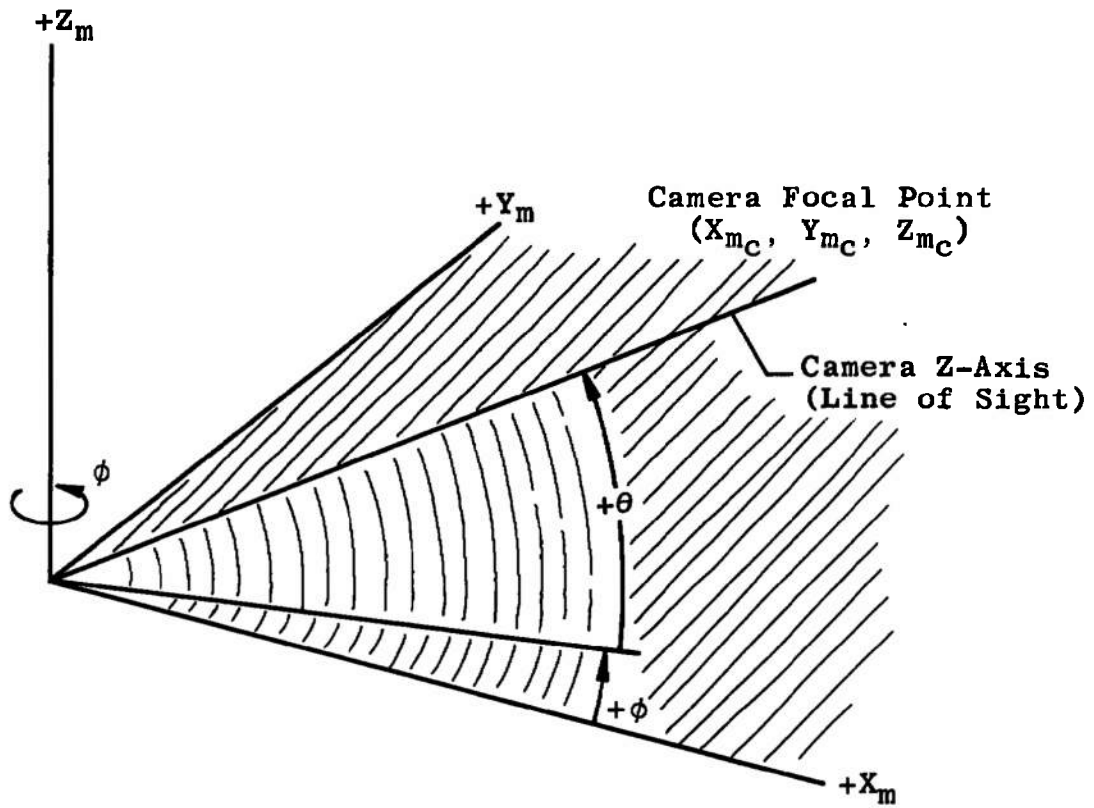


Fig. 10 Sketch Illustrating Rotation Angles

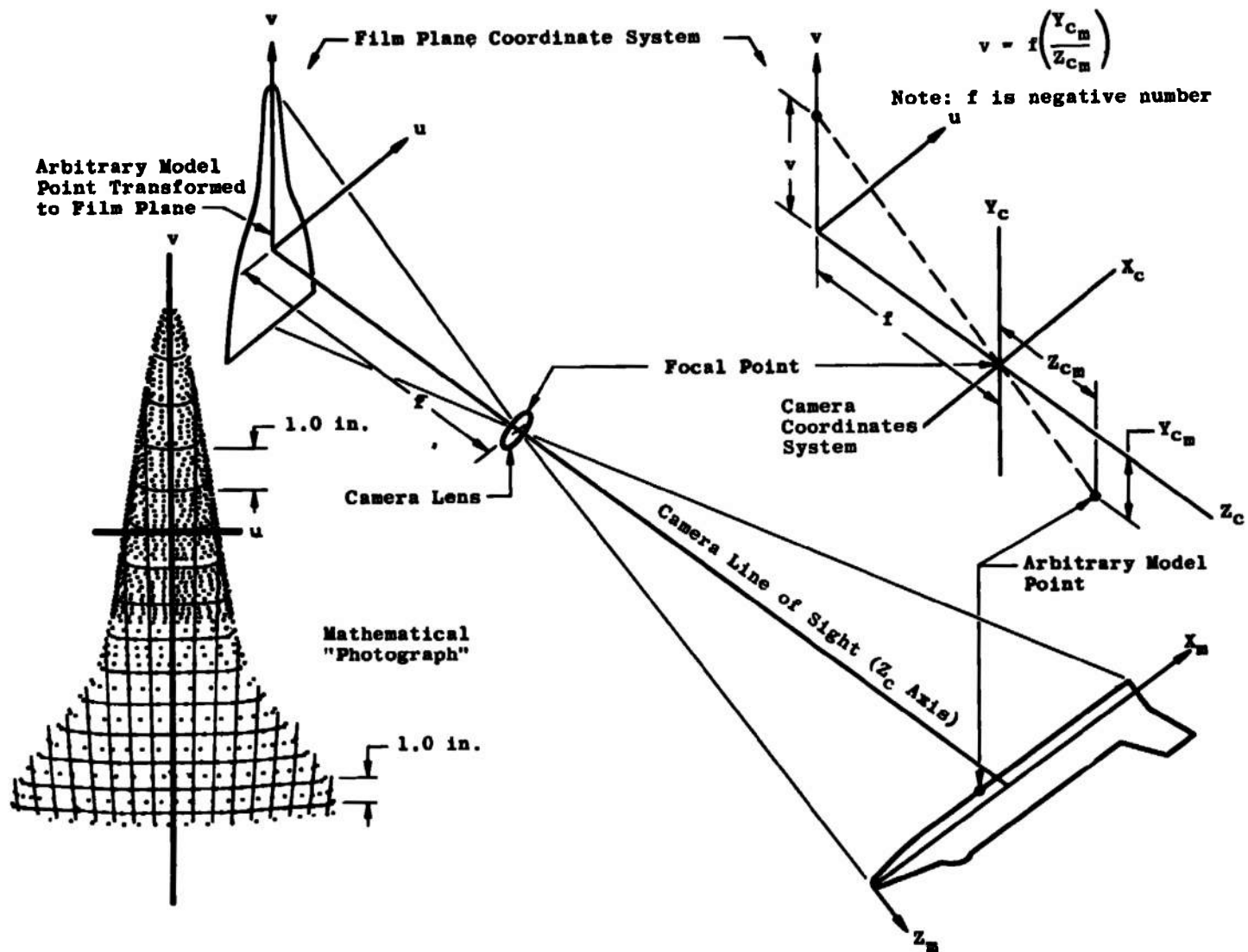


Fig. 11 Sketch Illustrating the Transformation of a Model Surface to the Film Plane

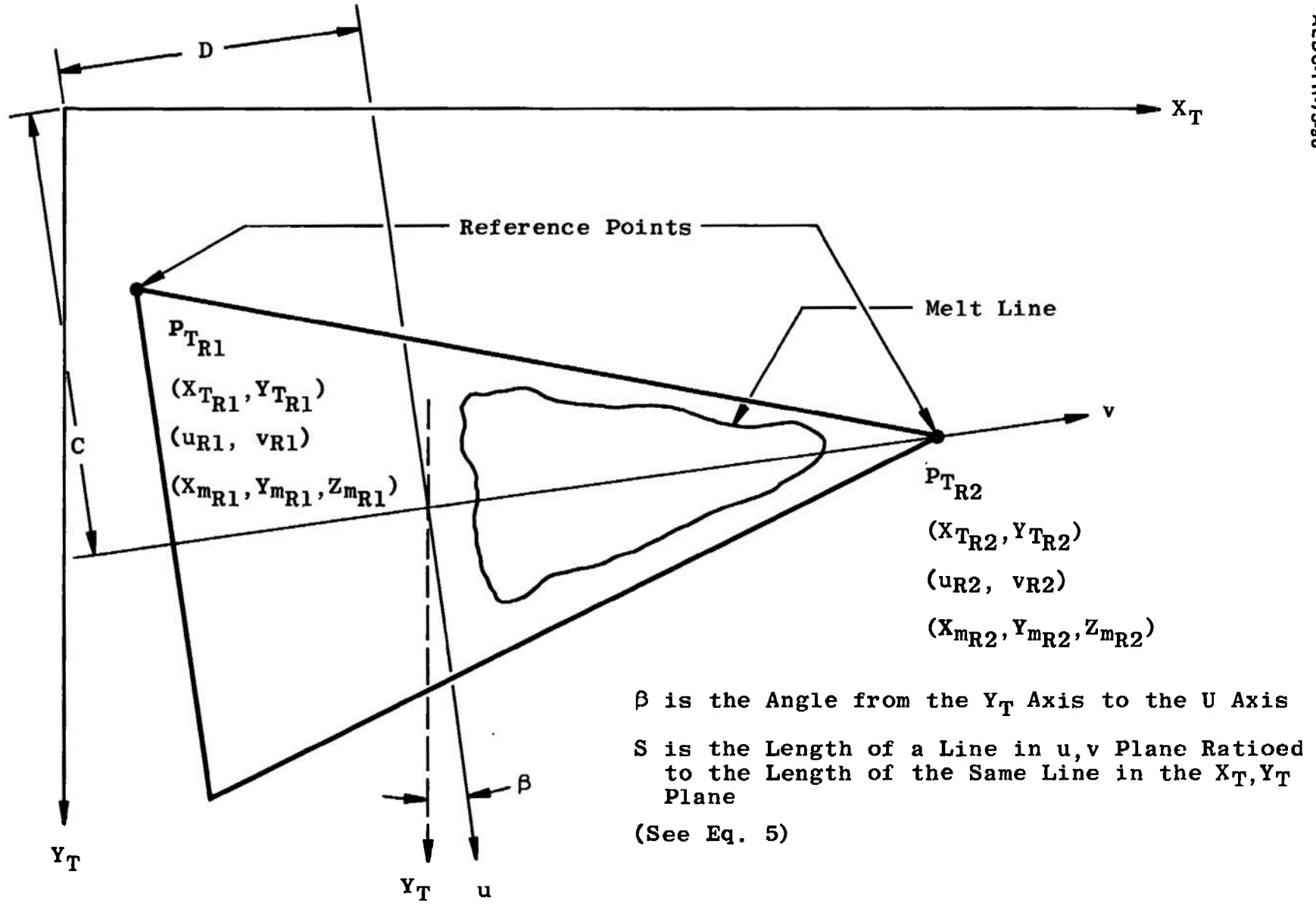


Fig. 12 Illustration of Transformation from  $X_T Y_T$  Plane to  $u, v$  Plane



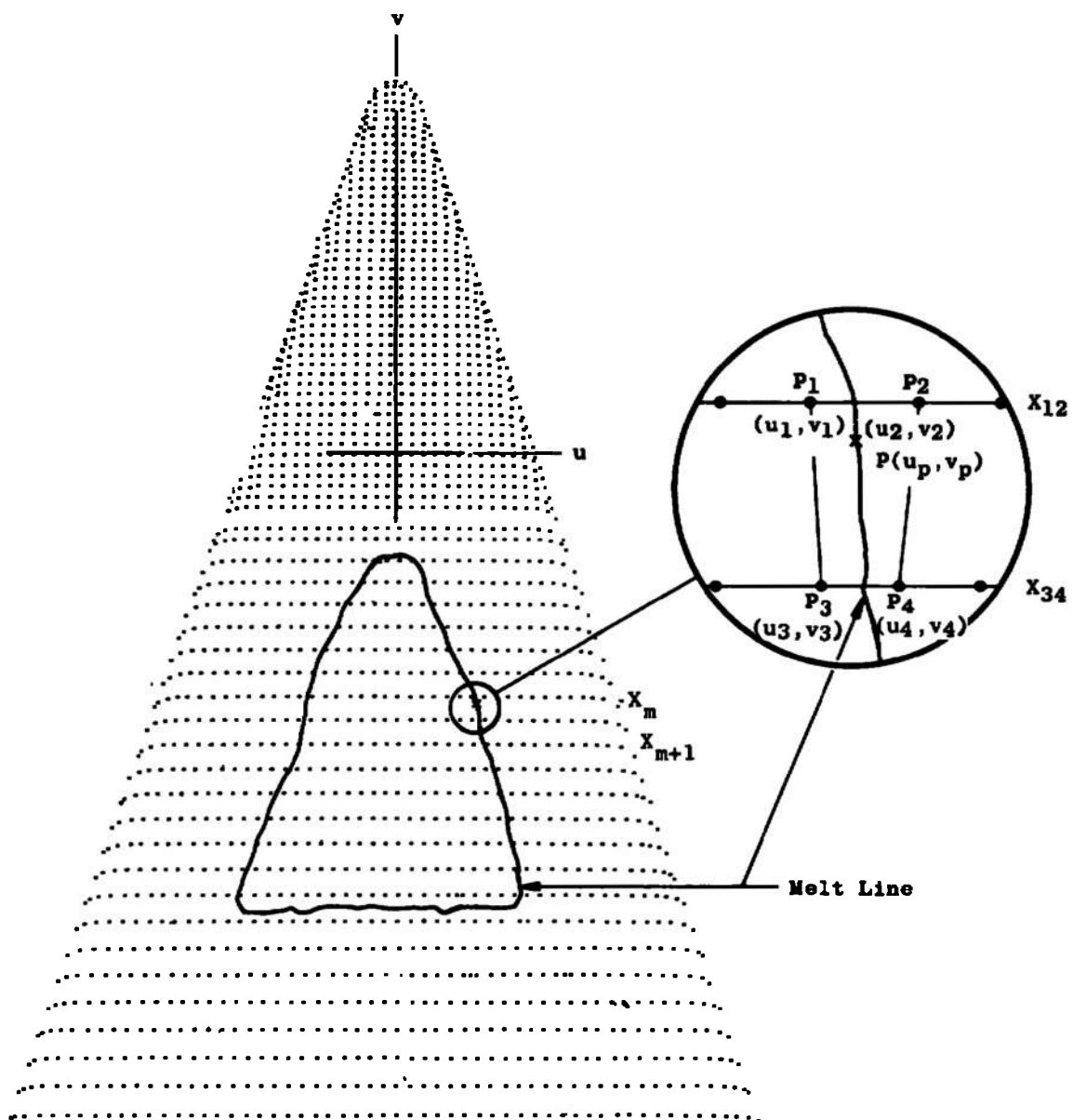


Fig. 13 General Overall Illustration of Interpolation Technique

Note: Known Coordinates For Each Model Point Are  $(u,v)$  As Well As the Corresponding Model Coordinates  $(X_m, Y_m, Z_m)$

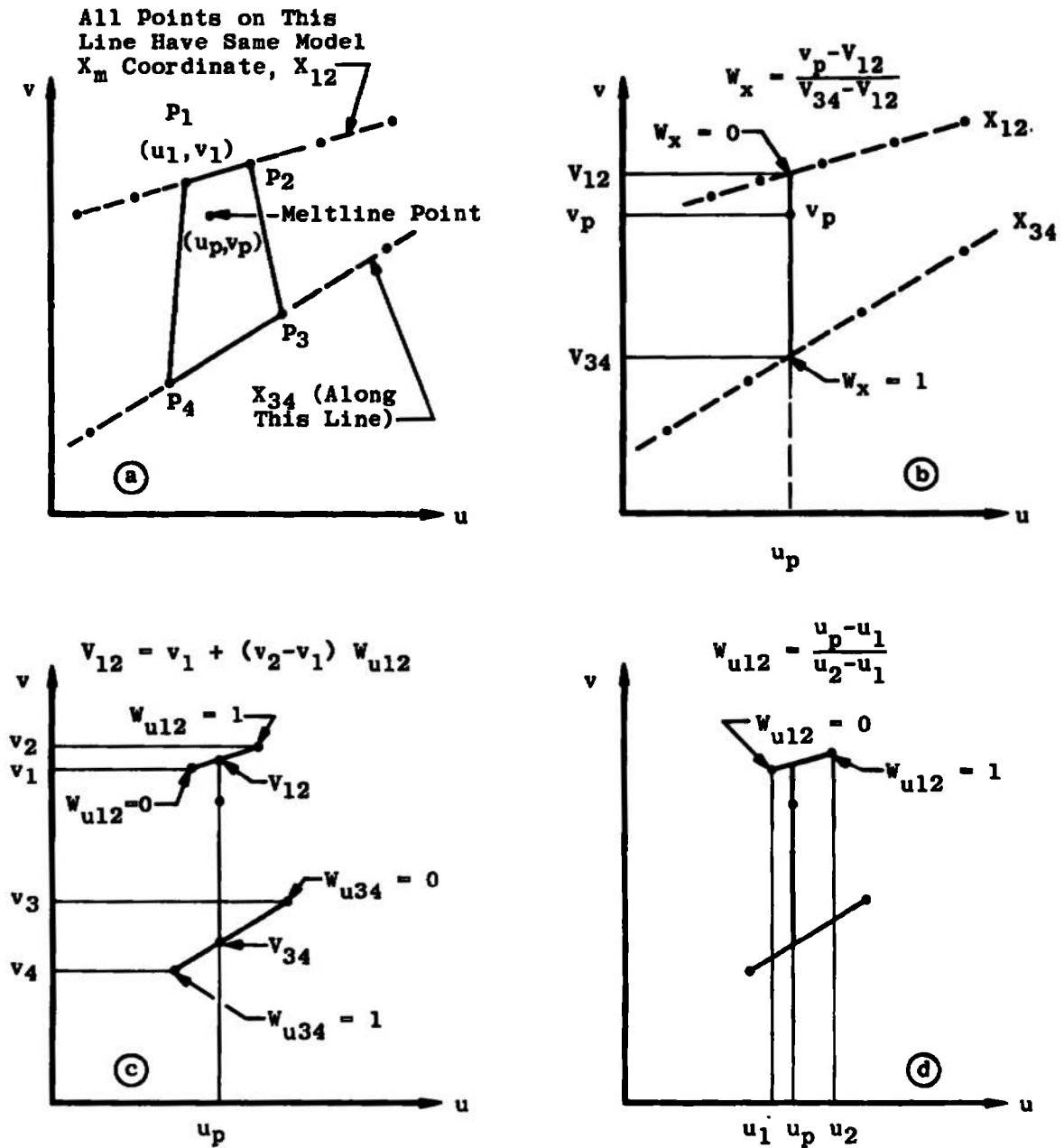


Fig. 14 Details of Interpolation Technique

| GROUP       | CONFIG             | MODEL  | MACH NO  | PO PSIA                  | TO DEG W                  | ALPHA-PODEL  | ALPHA-SECTOR          | ALPHA-PREBEND | ROLL-MODEL | YAW          |
|-------------|--------------------|--------|----------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| 348         | 11                 | LHC-UP | 8.00     | 805.4                    | 1343                      | 40.00        | 10.00                 | 50.00         | 180.00     | -0           |
|             |                    |        |          |                          |                           |              |                       |               |            |              |
| Y-INF       | P-INF              | O-INF  | V-INF    | RHO-INF                  | MU-INF                    | RE/FT        | MREF                  | STNEF         |            |              |
| (DEG W)     | (PSIA)             | (PSIA) | (F/SEC)  | (SLUGS/FT <sup>3</sup> ) | (LB-SEC/FT <sup>2</sup> ) | (FT-1)       | IR=.056FT)            | IM=.056FT)    |            |              |
| 97.3        | 1089               | 3.474  | 1867     | 7.64E-05                 | 1.834E-08                 | 3.17E-06     | 2.776E-02             | 1.166E-02     |            |              |
|             |                    |        |          |                          |                           |              |                       |               |            |              |
| CAMERA      | PAINT TEMP (DEG F) |        |          | INITIAL TEMP (DEG F)     |                           |              | SQUARE ROOT (INNUCKX) |               |            |              |
| TOP(1)      | 400                |        |          |                          |                           |              |                       |               |            |              |
| SIDE(5)     | 400                |        |          | AVERAGE IN = 75          |                           |              | .037                  |               |            |              |
| BOTTOM(8)   | 400                |        |          |                          |                           |              |                       |               |            |              |
|             |                    |        |          |                          |                           |              |                       |               |            |              |
| PIC NO      | TIME DELTIME       |        | H(TO)    | H(TO)/MREF               | H(.910)                   | H(.910)/MREF | H(.8510)              | H(.8510)/MREF | ST(TO)     | MODEL TEMP F |
| T 836 (400) | 3.15               | 2.03   | 1.79E-02 | .5013                    | 1.87E-02                  | .6749        | 2.273E-02             | .6187         | 5.773E-01  | 75 0 75 76   |
| T 837 (400) | 3.70               | 2.58   | 1.73E-02 | .4446                    | 1.662E-02                 | .5946        | 2.016E-02             | .7262         | 5.121E-03  | 76 0 74 76   |
| T 838 (400) | 4.75               | 3.63   | 1.79E-02 | .3749                    | 1.401E-02                 | .5047        | 1.699E-02             | .6122         | 4.319E-03  | 77 0 74 76   |
| T 840 (400) | 5.25               | 4.13   | 9.75E-03 | .3514                    | 1.313E-02                 | .4731        | 1.593E-02             | .5738         | 4.048E-03  | 78 0 74 76   |
| T 842 (400) | 6.30               | 5.18   | 8.71E-03 | .3138                    | 1.17E-02                  | .4225        | 1.472E-02             | .5124         | 3.615E-03  | 81 0 75 76   |
| T 844 (400) | 7.35               | 6.23   | 1.94E-03 | .2862                    | 1.064E-02                 | .3854        | 1.247E-02             | .4675         | 3.294E-03  | 85 0 76 76   |
| T 851 (400) | 11.05              | 9.93   | 8.29E-03 | .2256                    | 8.40E-03                  | .4051        | 1.027E-02             | .3700         | 2.609E-03  | 103 0 79 79  |
| T 860 (400) | 15.80              | 14.68  | 5.17E-03 | .1464                    | 6.46E-03                  | .2509        | 8.447E-03             | .3044         | 2.146E-03  | 128 0 88 84  |

a. Tabulated Parameters  
Fig. 15 Data Presentation of a Typical Run

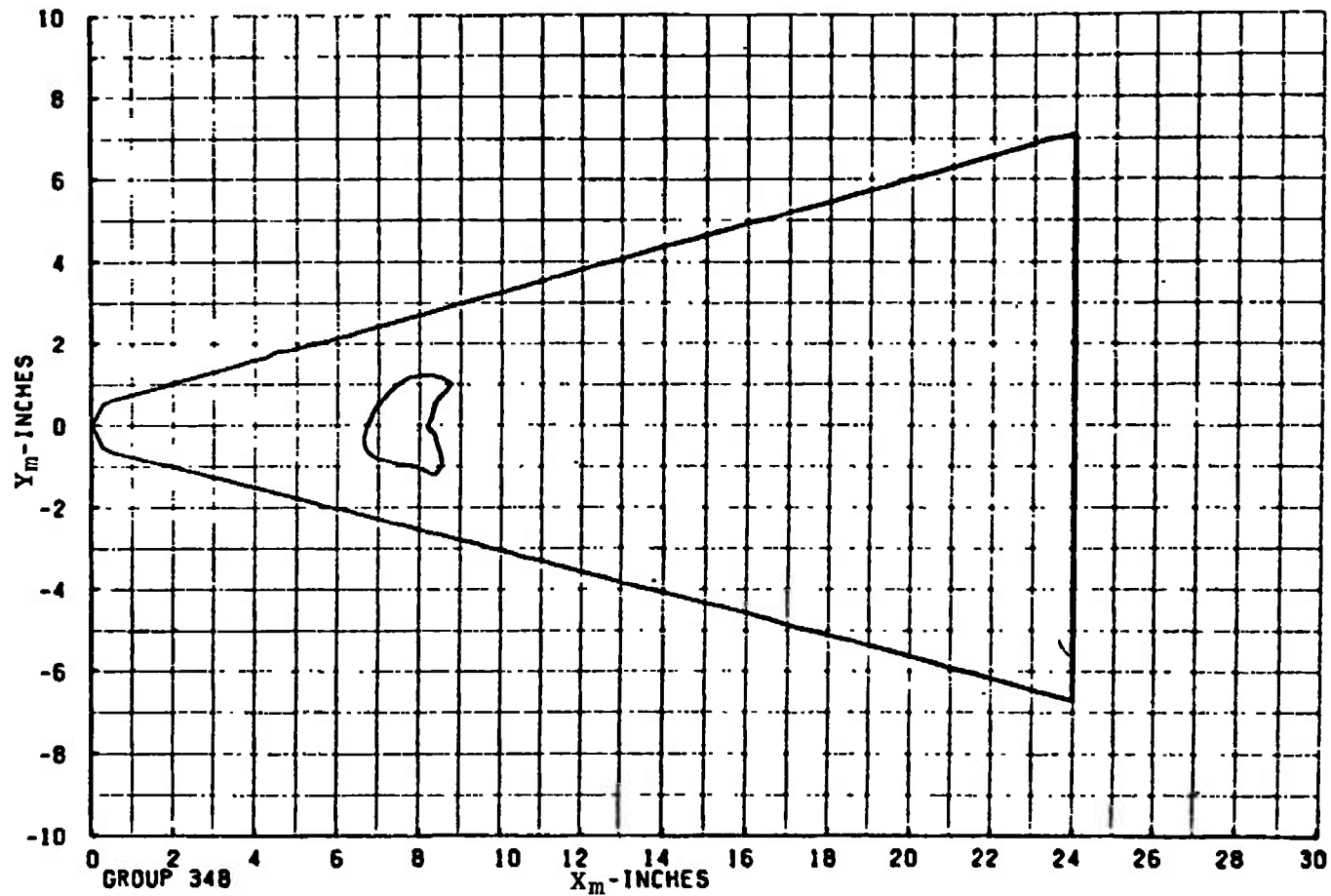
GROUP 348  
MACH 8.00

PIC. NO. 836  
ALPHA (DEG) 40.0

H/HREF 5.013E-01  
HREF 2.776E-02

MODEL SURFACE - BOTTOM  
RE/FT 3.770E 06  
CONF LRC-DB

AEDC-TR-73-90



b. Melt Line Contour for H/HREF = 5.013E-01  
Fig. 15 Continued

GROUP 348

PIC. NO. 837

H/HREF 4.446E-01

MODEL SURFACE - BOTTOM

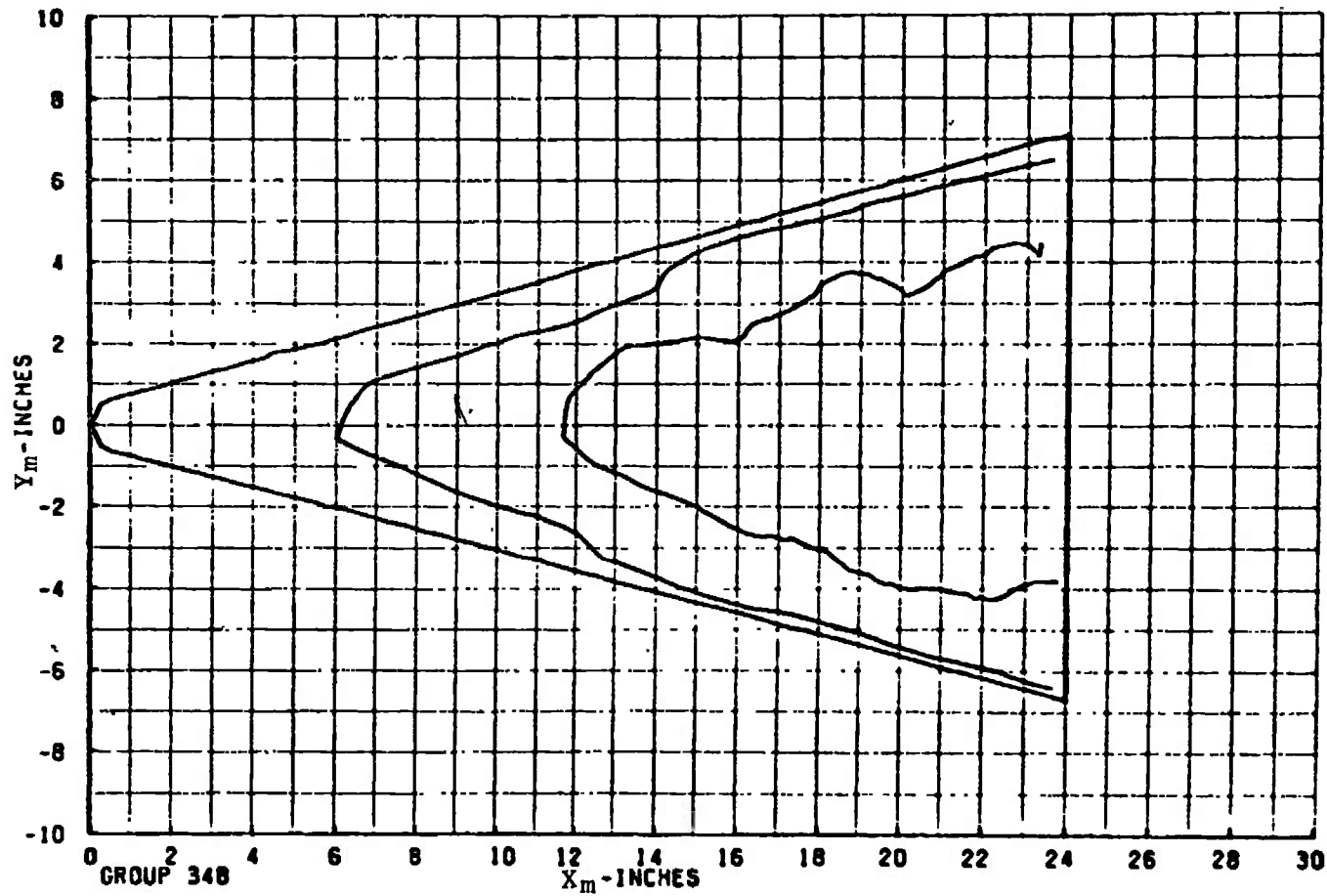
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CONF LRC-08



c. Melt Line Contour for H/HREF = 4.446E-01

Fig. 15 Continued

GROUP 348

PIC. NO. 839

H/HREF 3.749E-01

MODEL SURFACE - BOTTOM

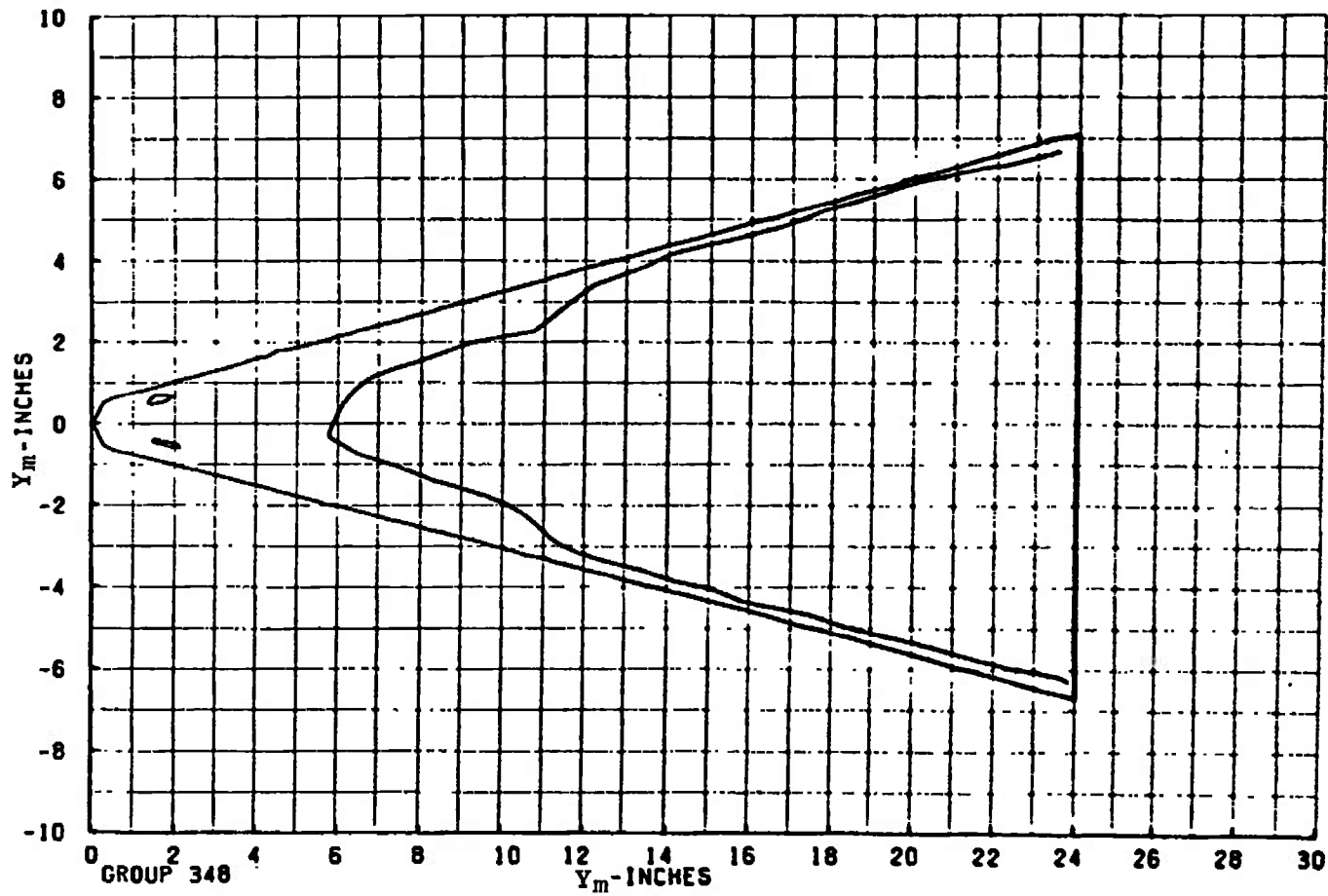
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d. Melt Line Contour for H/HREF = 3.749E-01

Fig. 15 Continued

GROUP 348

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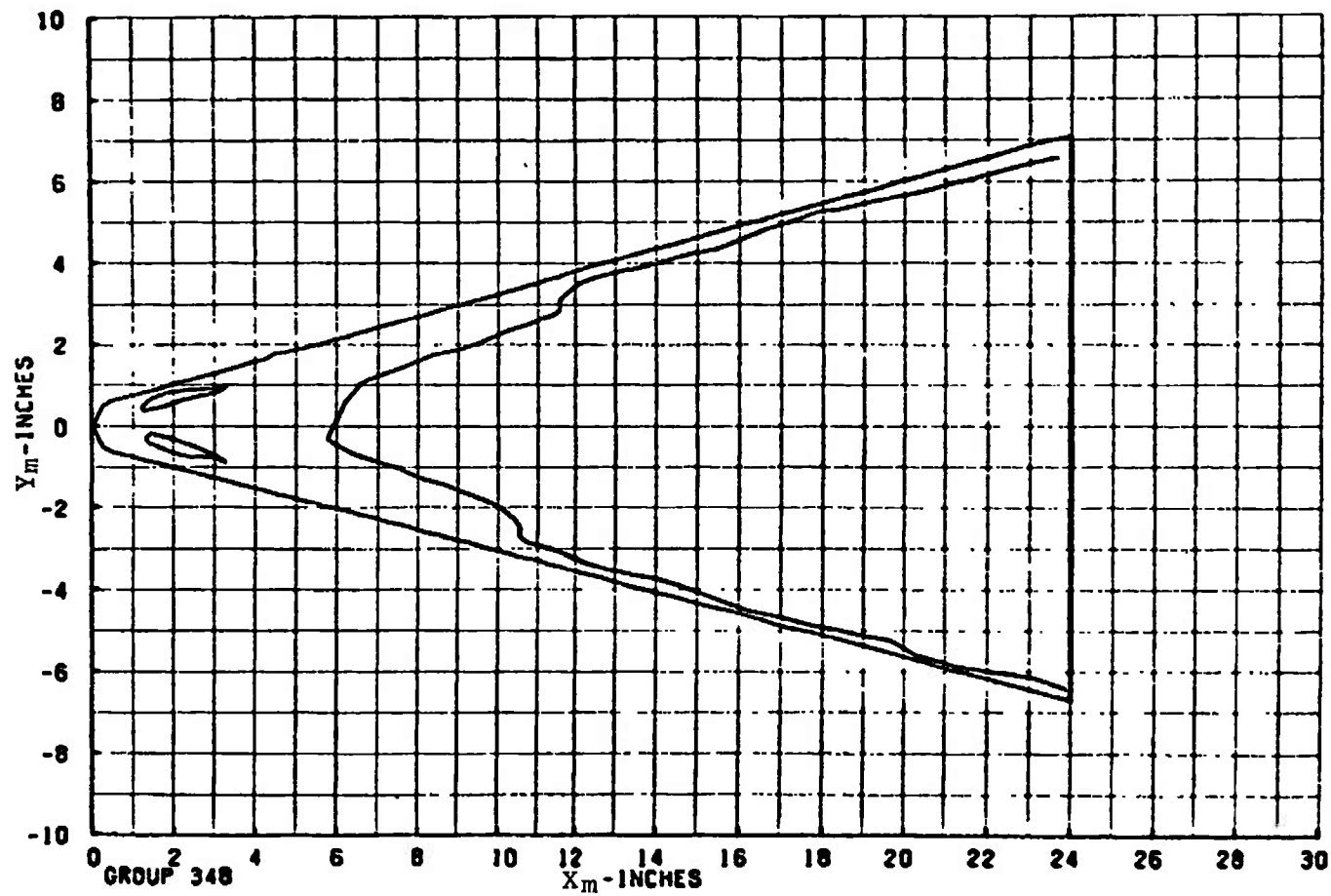
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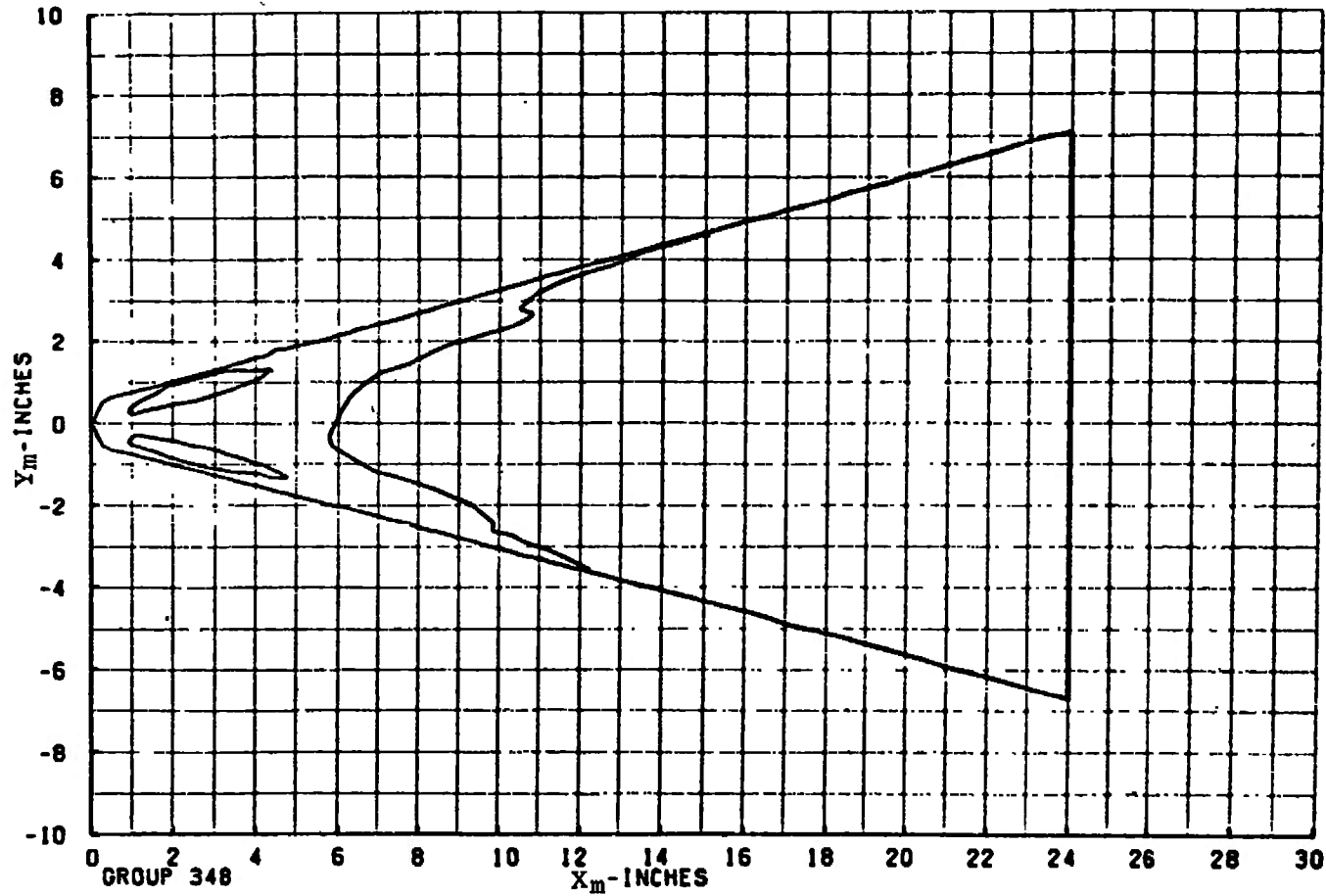
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HREF 2.776E-02

MODEL SURFACE - BOTTOM  
RE/FT 3.770E 06  
CONF LRC-DB

AEDC-TR-73-90



f. Melt Line Contour for H/HREF = 3.138E-01  
Fig. 15 Continued



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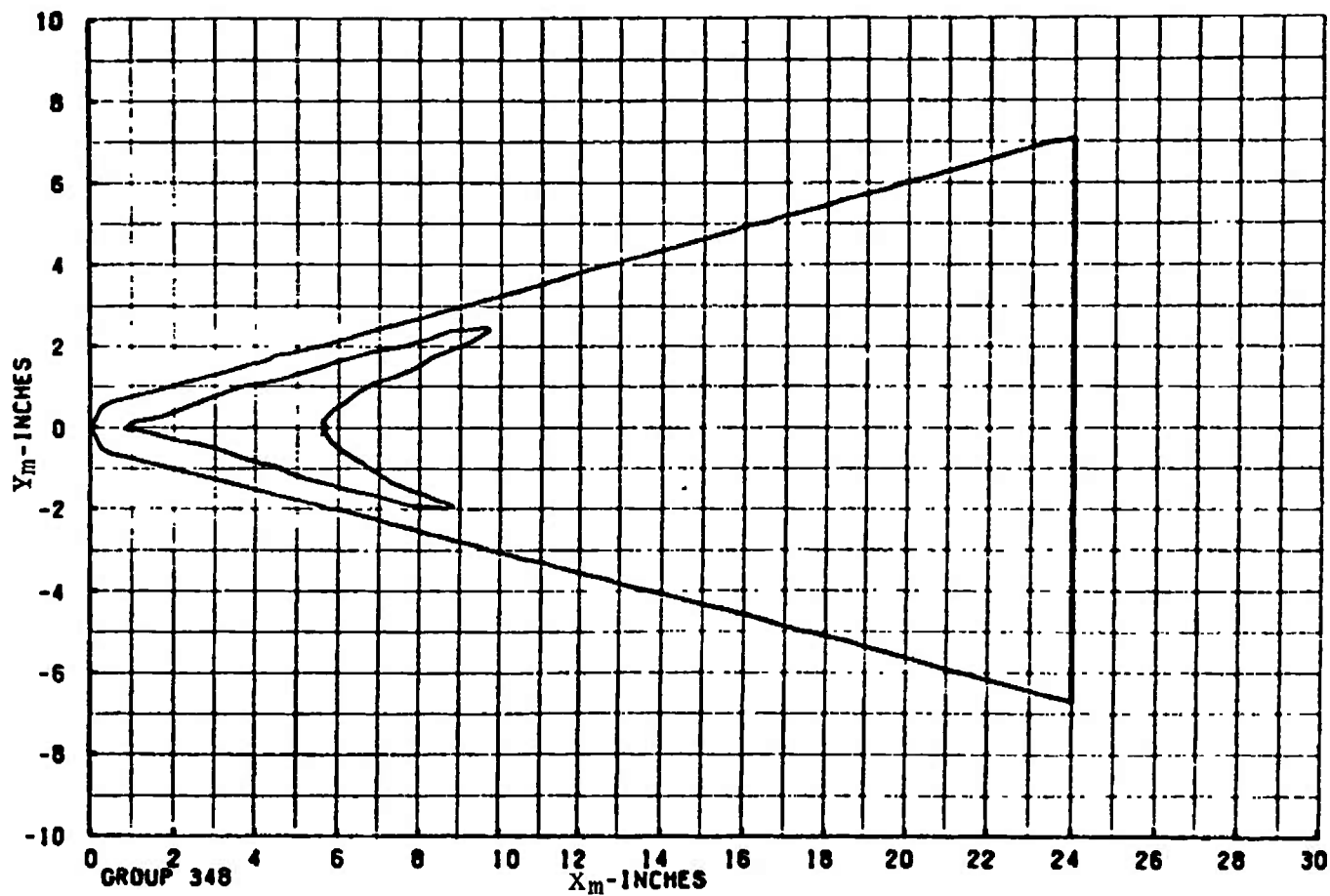
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CONF LRC-DB



g. Melt Line Contour for  $H/HREF = 2.862E-01$   
Fig. 15 Continued

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MODEL SURFACE - BOTTOM

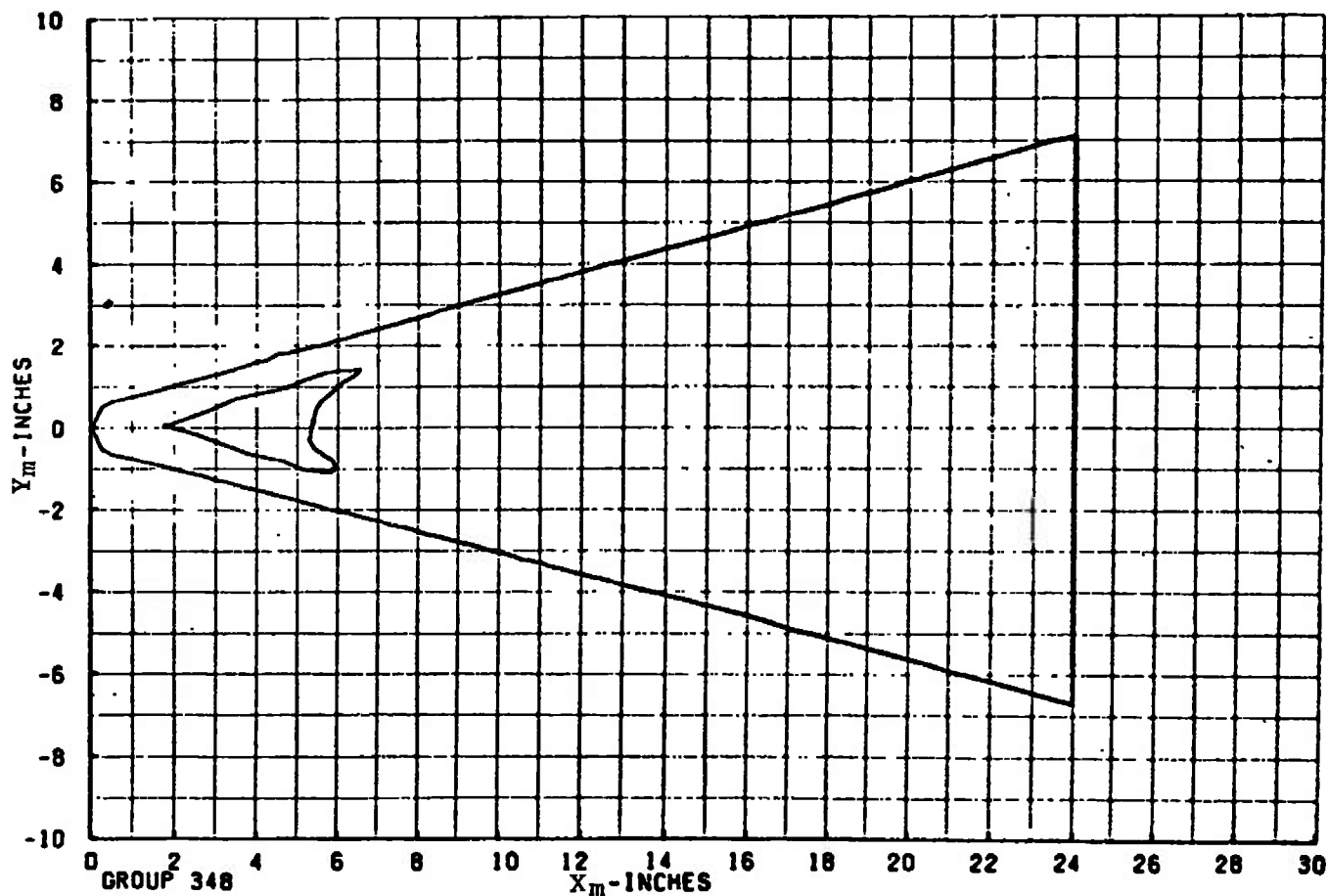
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CONF LRC-D8



h. Melt Line Contour for H/HREF = 2.266E-01

Fig. 15 Continued

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PIC. NO. 860

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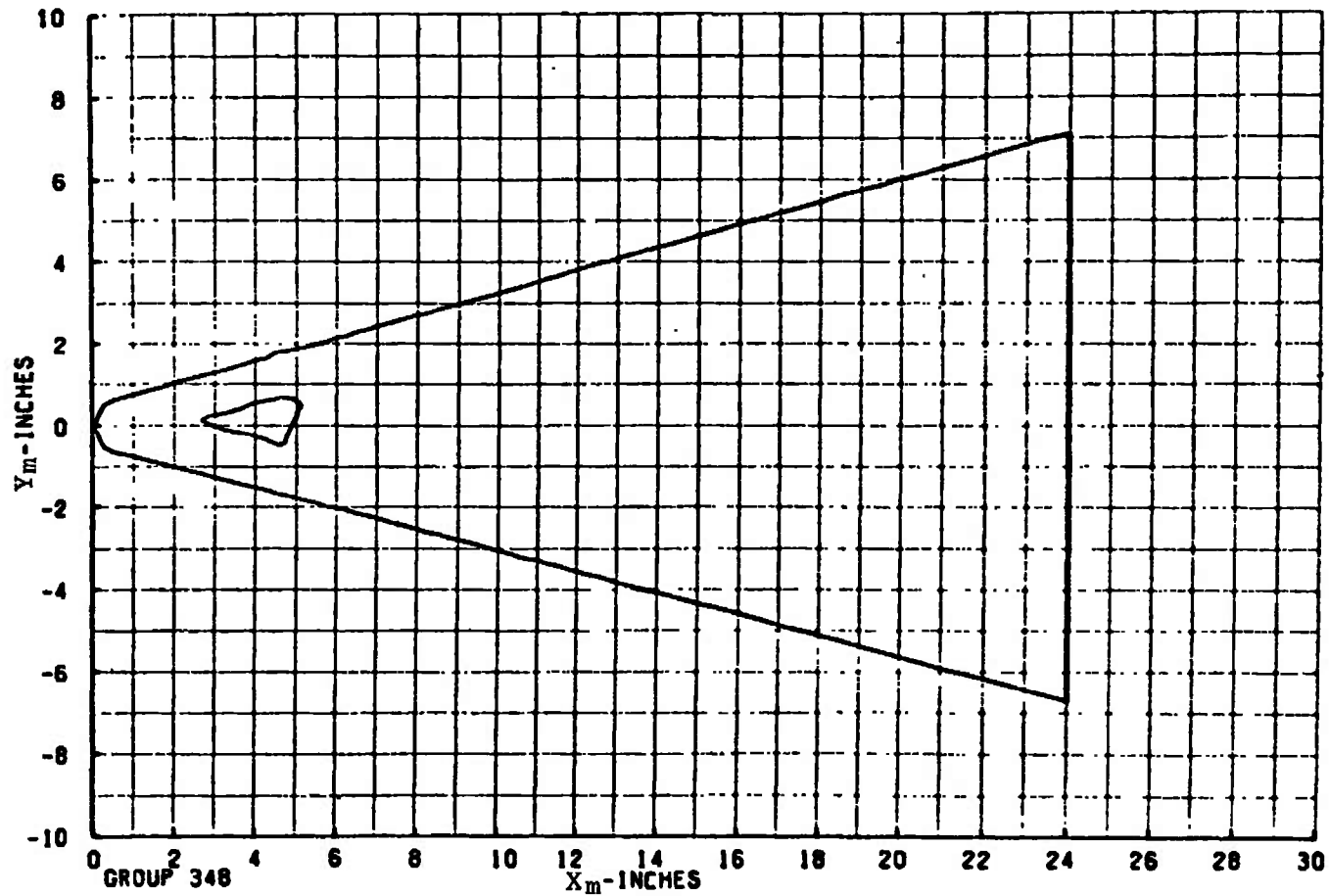
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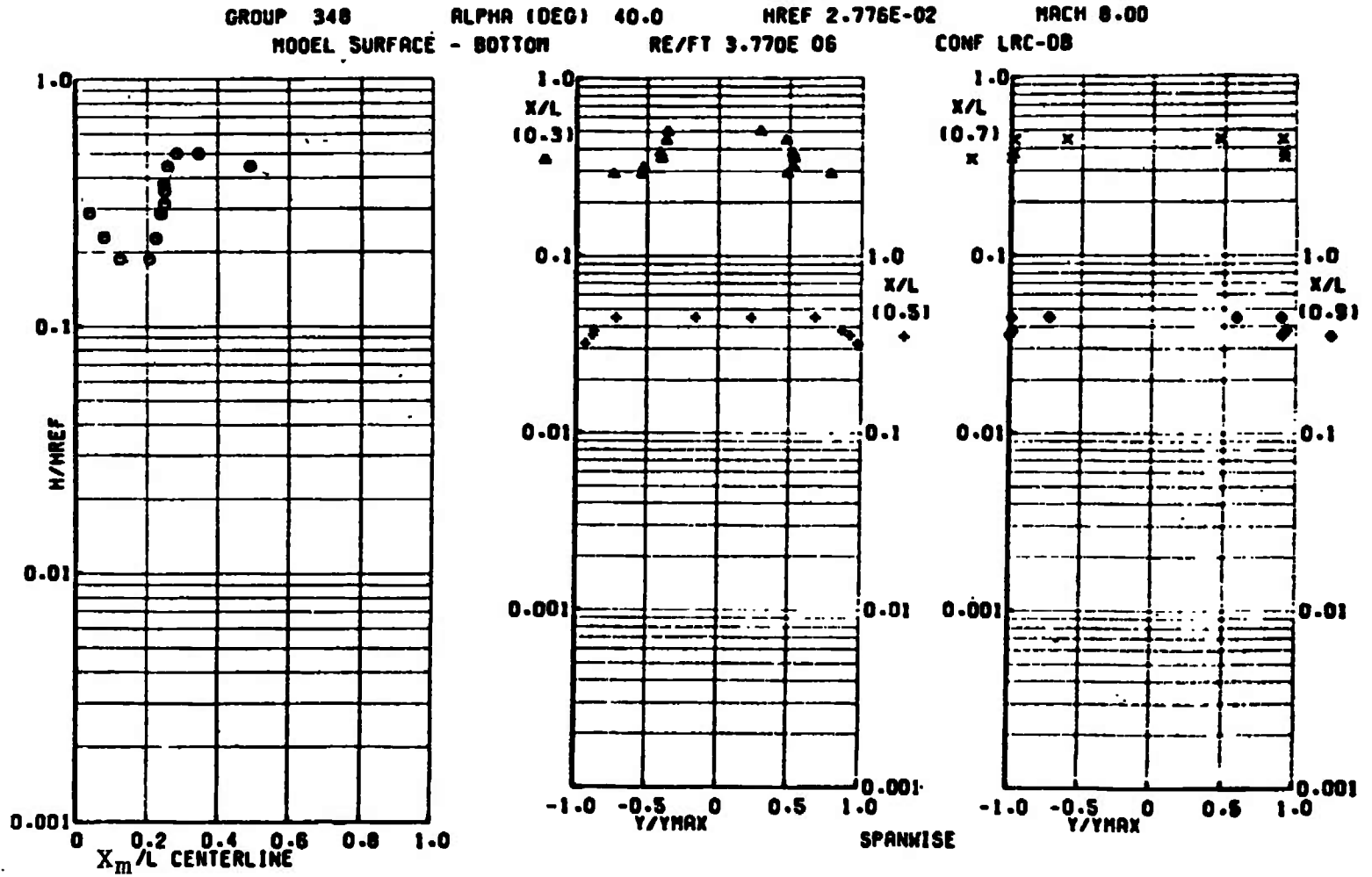
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